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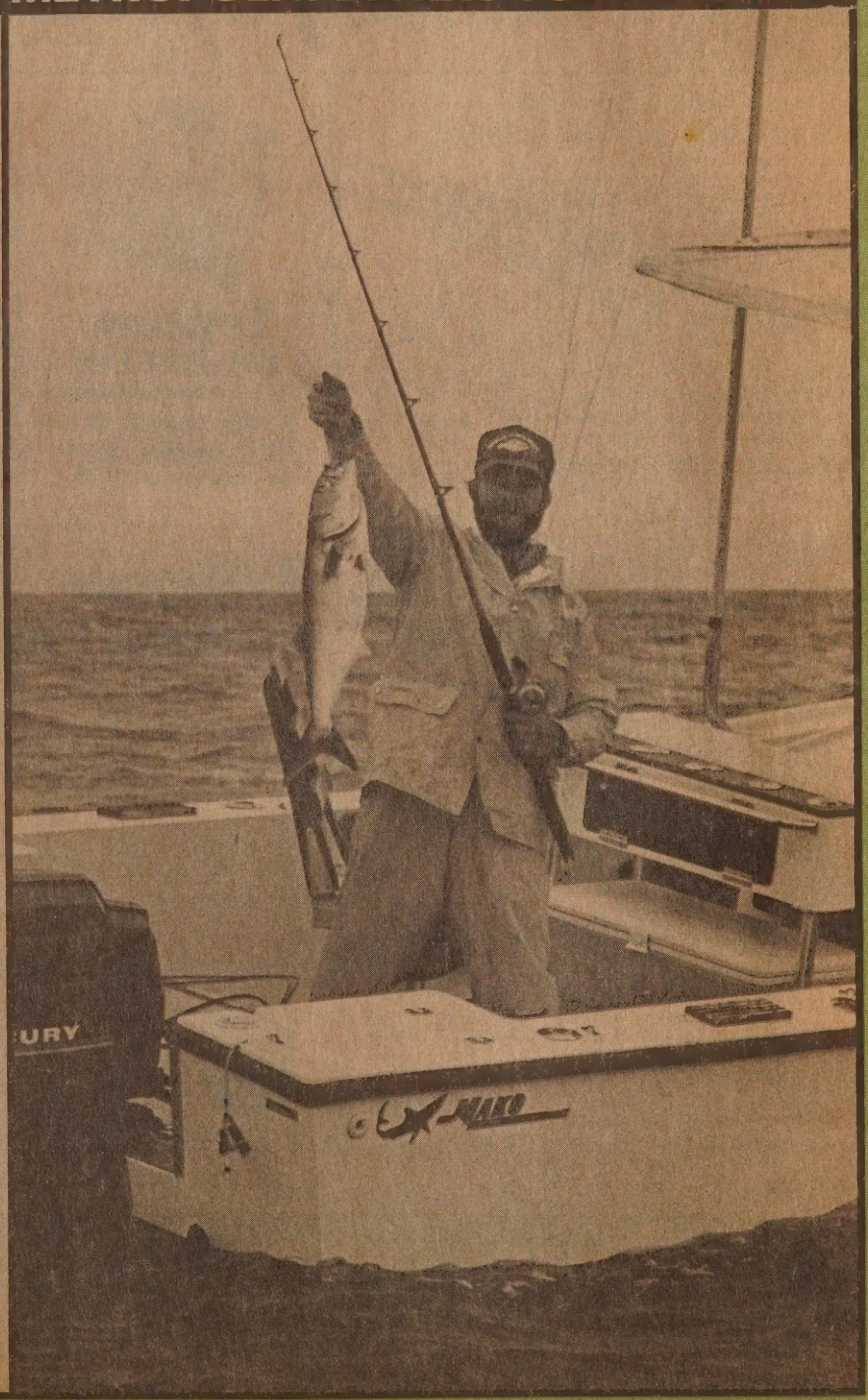

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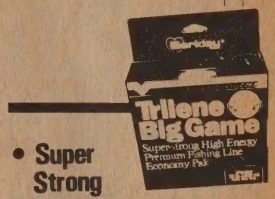

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ABOUT THE COVER:

Bluefish were still keeping boatmen busy on both shores as of last week. Recent storms and cold weather may have diminished their numbers but there have been plenty of stripers around to pick up the slack. You'll find an article on late season bassing in Long Island Sound on page 14. See the fishing report section [page 35] for an update on the bass and bluefish action along both shores.

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TURKEY SHOOT AT MAIDSTONE GUN CLUB

A Turkey Shoot, hosted by the Maidstone Gun Club will be held on Sunday, December 7th between 10AM and 2PM. There will be categories for rifle, shotgun and pistol and all are welcome. Turkeys, hams and chickens will be awarded as prizes. Rain date is December 14th. The club is located on Daniels Hole Road in East Hampton.

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SWORDFISH STALEMATE

A storm is raging over federal management of Atlantic swordfish and the following winds may prove strong enough to blow away the clouds and reveal, once and for all, who is serious about conservation, and who is not.

Populations of swordfish in the Atlantic have been overfished and declining since at least 1980, and yet no substantive action has been taken to reverse this trend. The five Regional Fishery Management Councils developing the fishery management plan (FMP) for swordfish finally got the framework for a recovery plan approved in late 1985, but it is only that, a framework. Since then, they have been forced to wrestle with officials in Washington over virtually every one of the conservation measures they have proposed, from seasonal closures to restrictions on foreign fishing to gear limitations.

The most recent setback, and the most debilitating yet, came when the National Marine Fisheries Service turned down the Councils' proposal for seasonal closures in the swordfish fishery. The closures, which were scheduled to take effect this fall, are intended to reduce the catch of young fish and increase recruitment to the spawning stock. Since the number of large, spawning-age fish is dwindling and the longline catches are composed of smaller and smaller fish, the closures are considered the core of the management plan.

The current stalemate in swordfish management—the only "management" now in effect is the collection of catch data—places NMFS and the Councils in direct opposition; and not for the first time. NMFS, taking a surprisingly nonchalant attitude about the plight of swordfish, maintains that the recommendations of the Councils are unnecessary and in fact, would do more harm than good to the swordfish industry. The Councils, on

the other hand, contend that the refusal of NMFS to accept their judgment raises serious questions about the commitment of federal fisheries officials to the Regional Council system. But even more importantly, as far as many observers are concerned, it raises doubts about NMFS's commitment to fishery conservation itself; in this context, the agency's willingness to resist pressures to allow continued exploitation by domestic and foreign fishermen despite strong evidence of overfishing.

CORRECTION ON LORAN NUMBERS

The Loran numbers given in the article "The Sinking of a Barge" in Issue #45 were incorrect. The numbers should read 265867.9 and 43733.2, not 43773.2 as it appeared.

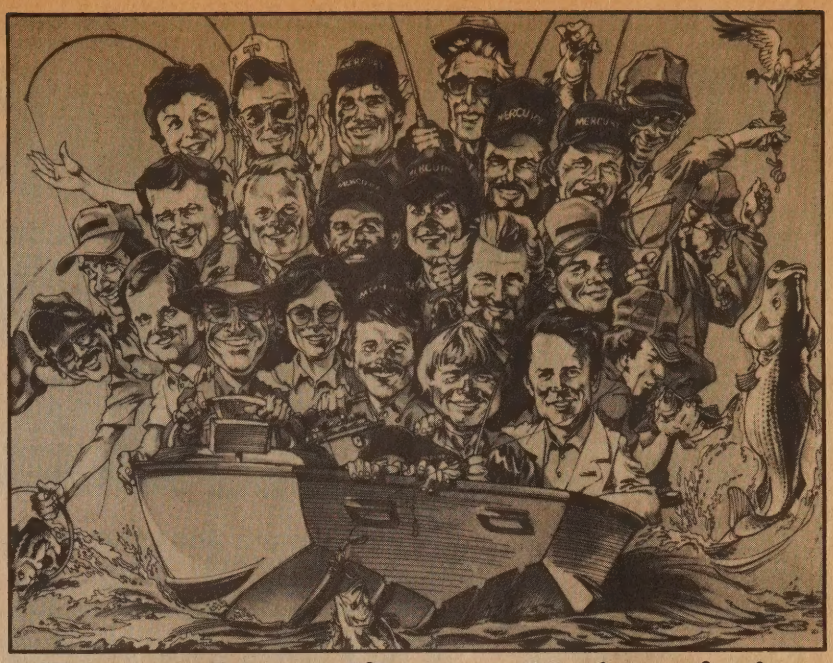
JOHNSON ELECTED CO-CHAIRMAN AT ASMFC MEETING

State Senator Owen H. Johnson announced that he was elected Co-Chairman of the Legislative Commissioners at the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Annual Meeting, held October 6-9, 1986, in Mystic, Connecticut. Albert F. Goetze from Maryland was elected as Co-Chairman of the Governor's Appointees to ASMCF. Together, Senator Johnson and Mr. Goetze will be encouraging Atlantic Coast states' representatives to implement the ASMFC's Interstate Fisheries Management Plan recommendations as soon as possible.

"The migration behavior of many marine fish makes them a shared resource between Atlantic Coast states. The way in which one state manages its fisheries directly affects all the other states' fisheries. It is therefore imperative that the Legislators and Governor's Appointees from each state work together to protect our marine fish species," Senator Johnson stated.

Each state in the ASMFC has three representatives to the Commission. The New York State Commissioners, along with Senator Johnson, who serves as the Legislative representative, are Gordon Colvin, Director of Marine Resources, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), who serves as the Adminstrative representative, and Larry Cantwell of East Hampton, who serves as the Governor's Appointee. The three Commissioners meet and discuss marine fisheries in New York and vote jointly on ASMFC plans and recommendations.

During this year's meeting, the Commissioners listened to updates on research concerning various marine fish, including summer flounder, Atlantic menhaden, bluefish, shad and river herring. There were also important discussions on the status of striped bass populations. Based on the information received during these discussions, the Commissioners voted



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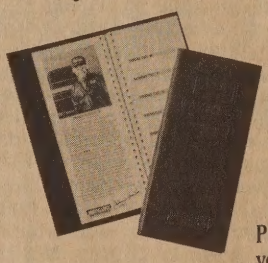

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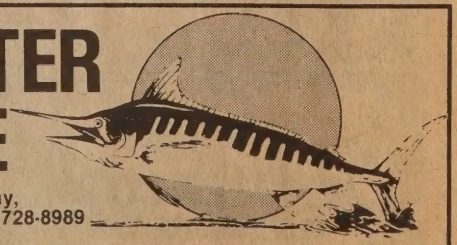

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PRESIDENT SIGNS STRIPER CONSERVATION LAW

The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act of 1984, requiring East Coast states to cooperate in rebuilding endangered striper stocks, has been extended for another two years. The bill re-authorizing the federal statute, signed by President Reagan on October 1st, will help protect the present generation of fish until they spawn, and continue to assess progress in the coastwide recovery effort.

The original law, which expired last April, successfully prompted cooperation among the 12 states managing striped bass spawning in or migrating through their territorial waters. Under the law, a federal moratorium on fishing for striped bass may be declared in those states which do not implement an Interstate Plan recommended by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Also, federal funding is provided to conduct the Emergency Striped Bass Study to monitor the condition of the stocks and assess the role of fishing restrictions and habitat improvement in effecting a comeback.

Congress acknowledged the success of this approach by voting unanimously on September 16th to approve an extension of the Striped Bass Conservation Act until October, 1988. Meanwhile, the U.S. Justice Department was recommending to the President that he veto the bill because of alleged constitutional problems with the Act's state/federal mix of responsibilities. This threat to the national effort to conserve striped bass came as a complete surrise, considering that no such questions were raised in 1984 when the Administration okayed the original legislation. Fortunately, a tremendous outpouring of support for the bill, from fishing and conservation groups, state governments, and the Administration's own National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration/National Marine Fisheries Service, convinced the President that the bill was essential to the resurgence of the striped bass and to the future of the traditional commercial and recreational bass fisheries along the Atlantic seaboard.

In a September 18th letter to President Reagan urging his signature, the National Coalition for Marine Conservation (NCMC) called the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act "the glue that holds the entire Atlantic-wide striped bass conservation effort together." Coordinated action is necessary now more than ever. The number of fish being produced in Chesapeake Bay remains dangerously low. Spawning success in the bay's major tributaries this summer, as measured by the 1986 Maryland young of the year survey, was well below average once again. The recovery continues to rest with the last relatively abundant population of fish produced in 1982. These fish are now maturing sexually and will reach full spawning capability by 1988.

The ASMFC's recovery plan has been amended to protect the 1982 year class of striped bass through a rising scale of minimum size limits and other restrictive fishing measures designed to give 95 percent of the 1982 females and those of each subsequent year a chance to reproduce at least once. Under the federal Striped Bass Conservation Act, each state from North Carolina to Maine, as well as the Potomac River and District of Columbia management authorities, must adopt conservation measures to meet the objectives of the interstate plan. Following is a brief rundown of existing state regulations:

Maryland: An indefinite moratorium on catching and selling striped bass has been in effect since January 1985. Certain restrictions have been placed on gill netting to limit the by-catch of bass in other fisheries.

Connecticut: Catch and possession of bass caught in state waters is outlawed until April 1, 1989. Fish caught elsewhere and sold in Connecticut must be at least 33 inches total length (TL). **New York:** Fishing has been halted indefinitely due to PCB contamination.

Rhode Island: No sale, also because of high PCB levels. For recreationally-caught fish, there is a minimum size limit of 33 inches TL and a creel limit of 1 fish per day. **Massachusetts:** Minimum size limit of 30 inches TL will increase to 33 inches in 1987. Hook-and-line fishing only, one fish per day and sale limited to June 1 to October 4. **Virginia:** Fish must be 24 inches TL in Chesapeake Bay and 30 inches if caught in coastal waters. Five per day creel limit. The fishery is closed from December 1 to May 31. There are some netting restrictions, mostly in spawning rivers. **Maine:** Minimum size is 33 inches fork length, two fish a day by hook-and-line only. **New Hampshire:** No sale, hook-and-line only, maximum of 4 fish a day 28 inches TL, and no more than one a day over 34 inches.

New Jersey: Netting of striped bass is prohibited. Anglers are restricted to 5 fish 24 inches TL or longer per day.

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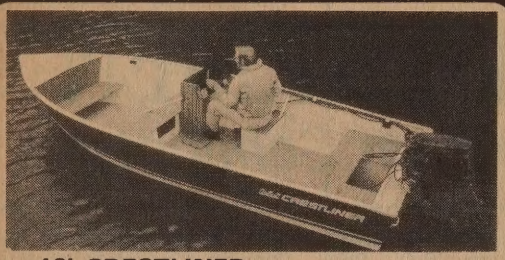

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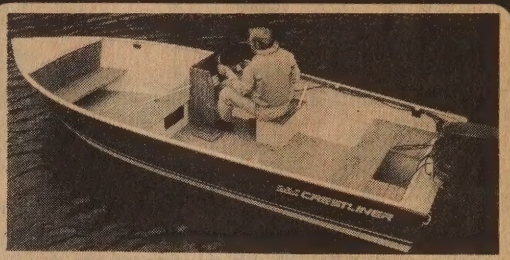

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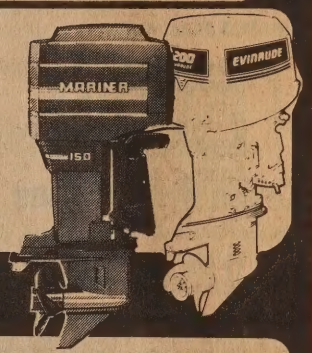

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VIDEOS FOR FISHERMEN

by Tom Schlichter

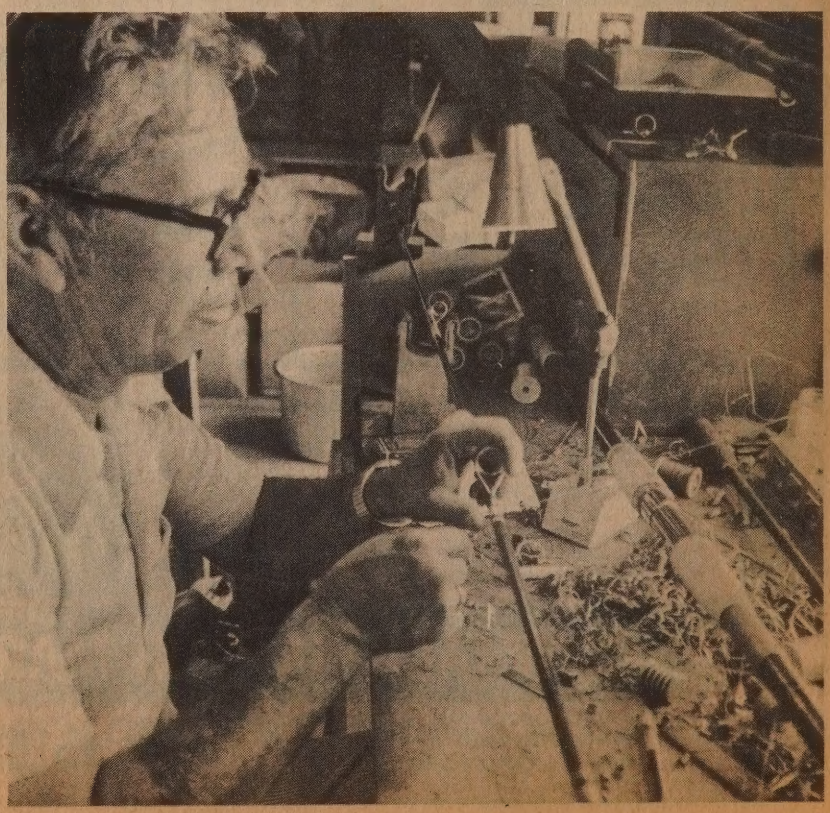
Bermuda's Yellowfin Tuna, Bermuda Sportfishing Products, P.O. Box HM666, Hamilton 5, Bermuda. Filmed by Panatel VDS Ltd. Copright 1984. Running time: 60 minutes.

Over the past several years, anglers working our offshore waters have experienced increasing success. Several factors have influenced this increase in productivity, but simply learning what it takes to tempt pelagic species in the "blue water" has been at the forefront. Many of the most successful methods of taking tuna and marlin have been borrowed from more southern climes where anglers have been stalking the big fish for years. *Bermuda's Yellowfin Tuna*, part of the Salt Water Sportsman Library, is a helpful tool in learning some of the methods and theories which work for our southern brethren.

This tape is basically a promotion for Bermuda sport fishing and it certainly will cause one to think about planning a vacation in those crystal clear waters. More important to most anglers, however, will be the opportunity to watch as knowledgeable and skilled fisherpersons bait, battle and land some bragging sized fish.

Topics discussed include light tackle knots and rigging, chumming and raising fish in deep water, use of artificials, and fish tagging. The underwater sequences of tuna feeding in a chum slick and taking cut bait, filmed by Michael Robbins, are spectacular. As an added bonus, viewers witness the baiting, fight and successful landing of a women's 16 lb. class IGFA world record.

Building Your Own Rod, with Dale Clemens. Presented by *Scientific Anglers/3M*, Leisure Time Products, 3M Center, St. Paul, MN 55144. Copyright 1985. Running Time: 100 minutes.



No matter what type of fishing you like to do, you can build a better rod than you can buy off the rack, according to Dale Clemens—and after watching this video tape, I'm convinced he's correct. Of course, I am realistic enough to think it will take several attempts before one comes up with the perfect fish stick.

A comprehensive, step by step guide to building your own rod, this video leaves little to chance. Host Dale Clemens paces the viewer through the process of selecting the proper materials, customizing each component and assembling the rod, in several easy-to-follow, unrushed segments. From finding and positioning the spine on a rod blank to smoothing the "nubs" on the guide windings, this tape is packed full of helpful hints which the viewer would have to "discover" for himself were he to undertake such a chore on his own.

Fly rods, trolling, baitcasting and spinning, the information is all here. Seeing it done with your own eyes makes it so much easier to understand. I would suggest, however, that you make arrangements to take this tape out for two or three days if you want to build a rod along with Dale. In this way, you can do the job right without rushing. It takes more than a day even for the pros to build a good rod.

Bigmouth: An Underwater Study of the Largemouth Bass, Glenn Lau Films, 3211 S.W. 27th Ave., Ocala, FL 32674; (904) 237-2129. Running Time: 60 minutes.

No matter how experienced an angler you may be, there is a lot to be learned from this tape. Narrated by Rod Serling with Homer Circle as "the fisherman," *Bigmouth* profiles the bass as a member of the ecosystem in which it lives. From the opening segment, the majority of footage is filmed from the fish's perspective. It really is a novel approach to fishing videos and I found it quite refreshing.

This tape is not a session on how to catch bass. It is, rather, a classic documentary on what a bass is within its own environment. Nothing is more important in fishing than understanding your quarry and the stimuli which make it respond in differing ways. In this respect, *Bigmouth* offers the bass fisherman an education that would take years to acquire in the field.

From egg to adult, this tape covers the feeding patterns, selection of habitat, spawning, and general behavior of America's most popular game fish. Special detail is given to explaining the way in which stimuli provoke changes in bass mannerisms. Naturally, there are a few segments where hook-ups occur and these are breathtaking. This is one tape that experienced and novice anglers should find equally entertaining and thought provoking.

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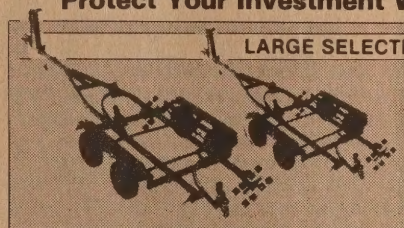

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THE TACKLE DOCTOR

by Russ Wilson

Dear Doc,

In the past you have answered readers' requests concerning where and how to purchase books about fishing. Recently I read an article mentioning that Rich Giessuebel had written a new book. The title eludes me and I would appreciate it if you would send me info on price, number of pages and where to order it. The book concerns Lake Ontario fishing.

Alan Riehle.

Dear Allen,

The book you want is titled "Great Fishing in Lake Ontario and Tributaries." It is available through The Fisherman's Library c/o The Fisherman, P.O. Box 1994, Sag Harbor, NY 11963. The book is published by Sportsman's Press and sells for $15.95. It has 237 pages devoted to fishing for salmon, lake, brown and steelhead trout in and around the Lake Ontario region.

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Dear Doc,

I just purchased a bottle of fish scent and I feel I've been ripped off. I've used the stuff for a couple of weeks and cannot see any visible evidence that it has increased my catch.

What's your honest opinion of the fish scents? Do you think they work or is it just another gimmick to separate fishermen from their money?

Richard Brown.

Dear Richard,

I haven't had a lot of experience with the fish scents, but on the few occasions I did use them it appeared to help to some degree. For a lot of years we've used bunker oil to disguise our "human" scent on baits or lures. There is no doubt in my mind that human odor will "spook" some species of fish and the fish scents will certainly disguise those smells.

Whether or not they will increase your catch by attracting fish is another matter. We have used a saltwater formula when chumming for winter flounder and, on occasion, have sprayed a scent on our plugs and metals when casting for weaks, blues and striped bass.

I do feel the fish scents are an aid in some circumstances where the fish are subjected to heavy angling pressure and will normally shy away from any bait or lure that carries human scent. For this reason alone, the cost of purchasing a bottle of scent is justified.

You must remember, however, that the scent will wash off after being subjected to the rinsing action of water. If you put a drop of spray on a bait and expect it to last an hour or more, you are in for a disappointment. But, if you use the scent liberally and continue to keep some of it on the baits or lures, you should see its advantages in increased hits.

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Dear Doc,

I will soon be laying out my new boat and have a question that you may be able to answer for me. I've noticed a lot of the pros use a special offset rod holder that mounts to the gunnel and has a slide out rod holder. There is a brace that bolts to the gunnel and the rod holder itself sits out at about a 45 degree angle from the boat.

I'd like to mount two of these on my boat: one on the starboard side and a second off the port side so I can troll two outfits. I imagine the reason for the offsets is to cut down on the chance of having the two lines tangle, and like the idea for the type trolling I plan to do in the coming season.

Gregory Daniels.

Dear Gregory,

Those offset rod holders are lifesavers for many inshore trollers who work the shallows or any of the inshore structure areas. The standard outriggers are terrific for setting lures for tuna and other big game species, but for inshore work where the main target is usually weaks, blues or striped bass, it is hard to beat the offset holders because of the additional spread they give to the lures.

On a standard 8 foot beam boat, your lures will be approximately 22 feet apart, assuming you are using regular 7 foot trolling rods. Without the offsets, your lures will be only 8 feet apart at the stern and may even be closer together when they are set back 150 to 200 feet. This does not allow much room for errors in boat handling.

Quite often you must make a tight turn and when using the gunnel holders that are standard on most small boats, you will most certainly

cause lures to cross over each other and tangle. With the offsets this is no longer a concern since the lures have enough spread to compensate for the turning of the boat.

They are rather inexpensive and can be purchased through most any mail order house, from area tackle shops or from any of the marinas that cater to boat anglers. Several different companies are currently marketing the offsets so you should not have too much trouble in locating a source.

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Dear Doc,

This winter I would like to make my own cast net. But I don't know anything about making one. I need help, a lot of help. Where to buy the things I need to make the net, a book to guide me when making the net. Can I get this book from a library or from a book store? Any help you can give me will be appreciated. *Sal Commarata.*

Dear Sal,

The best source for information about making any kind of net is the NetCraft Company. Years ago, when we made our crab and turtle trap nets we purchased the materials from this old line company and found them to be a very reliable source for materials and for obtaining information necessary when knitting the net and building the frames. You can write to the company direct at: The NetCraft Company, 2800 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, OH 43613. When writing to them, request their net building catalog and a copy of How to Make Nets.

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Dear Doc,

This is my second letter, as possibly you never received the first one. I have an old Luxor surf spinning reel marked "Pezon et Michel." The bail and spring are broken. Where can I take it for repair? *Arnold B. Levy.*

Dear Arnold,

I am sorry, but I can't offer much help. The Luxor was one of the original spinning reels introduced into the United States and has long since been discontinued.

You might check with a local machine shop to see if one of their machinists can make new parts for you. This is, unfortunately, a very expensive route to follow.

I don't really feel it is worth the expense to repair that reel. Today's products are a far cry from the originals and will certainly give better performance. However, if you want to fix the reel to save as a collector's piece or to just use, the expense may be justified.

I did receive your first letter, but due to the volume of mail, I could not answer it immediately. At the present time, the Doc is about 6 to 8 weeks behind in answering letters and with only limited weekly space in The Fisherman, only three or four letters can be used in each week's column.

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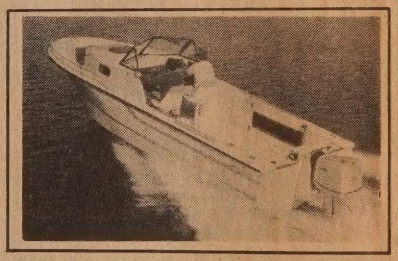

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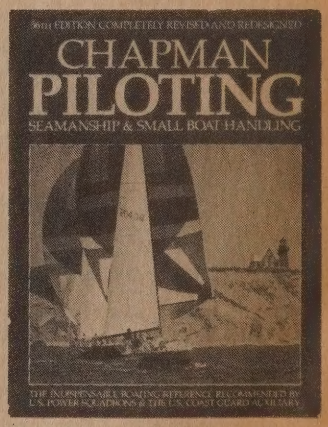
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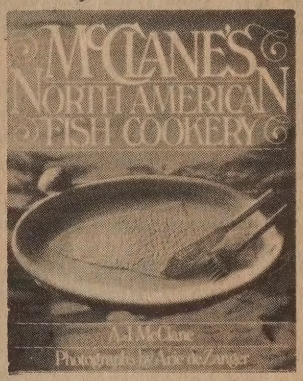

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A "NECK" FULL OF STRIPERS

by Fred Golofaro

Long Island Sound should continue to provide superb bassing well into December.

If you are one of those anglers who has yet to catch your first striper, or if you can count your lifetime striper tally with your fingers, then what you are about to read may be difficult to comprehend. At a time of the year when most boatmen have called it quits and visions of turkey and trimmings are dancing in our heads, some of the best striper fishing of the season is being enjoyed by a handful of sharpies plying the rips of Long Island Sound. Eatons Neck is usually the focal point of the action but large numbers of bass also gather in the swirling currents opposite Cranes Neck to the east and Lloyd Neck to the west.

The 1986 season thus far has been blessed with a prodigious number of stripers as a result of the current ban on possession, and more specifically, as a result of the elimination of the net and rod and reel commercial fishery.

Captain John Alberda with a typical Eatons Neck striper that walloped a Nordic Eel.

Also, the current crop of fish is averaging considerably larger than in past years. Through the first half of November, the average striper ranged between 10 and 12 pounds with many other fish falling between the 12 and 18 pound range. Smaller fish should, however, dominate by the end of the month. Large numbers of bluefish have been mixed with the bass to help spice the action, but the choppers should be gone from the area by the time you read this.

Captain John Alberda of Sound Charters is one of the premier anglers in this area. He began specializing in one to four man charters with an emphasis on diamond jigging and casting. The results have been nothing short of phenomenal. One recent week's bass scores should be evidence enough. A Tuesday half-day charter tallied 102 stripers, the Saturday trip 110 and Sunday's total a mere 65. Those are some impressive numbers! Particularly comforting is the knowledge that all of those fish went back into the water, though it would certainly make a lot more sense to have a one fish bag limit-No Sale law in effect. But that is another story altogether.

Getting in on this late season action is easy enough. Of course, there is always the option of taking advantage of the expertise of skippers such as John Alberda. For those who own their own boats, there are a couple of launching ramps available during the off season that are in close proximity to Eatons Neck. Probably the most convenient is the Northport town ramp located adjacent to and on the west side of the Lilco power plant. Restricted to residents during the season, regulations become very relaxed at this time of the year.

If you decide to sample this action on your own, this fishing is made to order for husky baitcasting outfits in the 7 to 7½ foot range. Reels like the Ambassadeur 6500, Shimano Mag 50, and the Penn 940 spooled with 12 to 17 pound mono are well suited to the task. Graphite rods are light and comfortable to handle, yet provide enough backbone to handle diamond jigs in the 3 ounce range when called

upon.

Captain Alberda, like most anglers in this area, relies heavily on diamond jigs for this fishing. He has also done extremely well with Nordic Eels (a leadhead fitted with a thin length of surgical tubing) in the one ounce size range. Wind and current conditions often dictate the lures being used. On calm days with little current, A007 or A17 jigs as well as the Nordic Eels are most effective. During a hard running tide, A27 and sometimes even A47 jigs are brought into play. As the current slackens, John will often abandon the usual drifting strategy in favor of anchoring up. When anchored, Nordic Eels can be cast upcurrent and allowed to swing downtide along the bottom. They, like the diamond jigs, can also be fished effectively by dropping the lure down to the bottom, taking 3 or 4 turns on the reel and then repeating the dropback and retrieve. White tubed jigs and Nordic Eels have been especially effective this fall. Both these lures, by the way, are made to order for catch and release fishing since both are armed with single hooks. They should be tied direct to a 30 inch length of 30 lb. mono, connected to your main line via a barrel swivel.

Getting the jigs down deep along the bottom is the key to better bass scores. This is particularly true when bass and blues are mixed in the area. The stripers will invariably be feeding down deep, beneath the blues. Needless to say, a slow retrieve is the way to go.

While most of the activity is centered between buoy 13 and the Obstruction Buoy (north of Eatons Neck Point), the real secret to success according to Alberda is locating the high spots in the area. This is where the bass will congregate and where a good graph recorder is worth its weight in gold. The recorder will show you very clearly where the fish are laying in relation to the peak of a high spot and can save you a lot of wasted effort drifting over barren pieces of bottom.

This can be a mighty cold time of the year on the water and you will want to be sure to dress accordingly. One item that can be of tremendous benefit is a good pair of wet suit gloves. They will enable you to handle your tackle and fish without the fear of wet and freezing hands bringing an end to the day's fun. You should also include a landing net capable of handling a big striper. The net is well suited to releasing your fish, though a well placed lip gaff will also get the job done in a pinch. A camera is handy for bringing home the memory of one's first, or largest, striper.

While this fishing normally continues through early December, local sharpies agree that they will likely be banging away at the fish right up until Christmas. So, if you have never sampled this brand of bassing before, there is still some time left to collect a few more tales for the long winter ahead.

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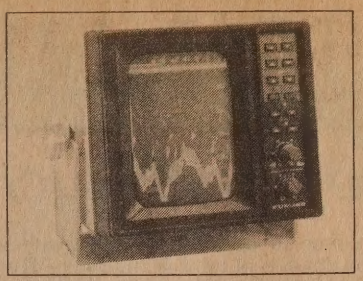

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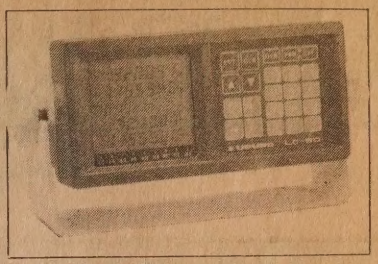

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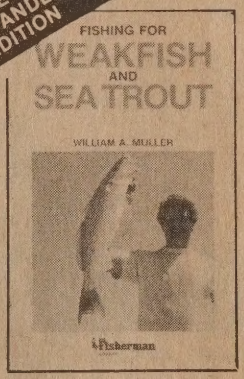

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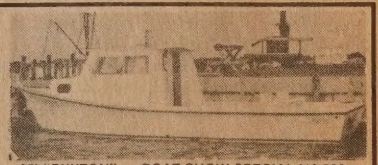

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MODIFYING YOUR FAVORITE SURF LURES

by Herb Buch

Something happened to me a few years ago that began a process which is still occupying my spare time. I had been trying for stripers at dawn with no luck when I noticed birds working off the beach. Keeping an eye on the birds, I continued to work my swimming plug. After about an hour they stopped circling. I almost forgot about them when swirls began to appear near shore down the beach. Running as fast as I could, I got near enough to throw a plug, and was rewarded by a hard tug. The hooks were set and I pushed the fish hard because action was visible on all sides of me now. It was a rough fight, but I landed a blue of about 8 or 9 lbs. and was anxious to get out for another. Then I saw that all three trebles were embedded in the fish. The tail hook was in his mouth, and the plug was twisted around with both belly hooks in his head. There was a billy club on my belt, but blues are a lot harder to kill than bass, and I did not want to damage my plug. Because he was jumping around so much it took sometime before I could get him safely up the beach, cut him off and tie on a new plug. When I returned to the water, the fish were gone.

It was a long time in the thinking stage, but now I was resolved to rerig my plugs to avoid future situations like this. It was not the first time that it had happened, but it does not happen that way any more. If you have never seen the need for simplifying the hooking arrangement on your plugs, now we have a more important reason. We don't want to damage any short stripers that we catch, and most of the ones that we do catch now are shorts.

Rerigging for blues is the easiest job, because it seems that they usually take a plug from the tail end. A single hook at the tail will catch just about as well as a treble, and is much easier to remove. Some experts find

Rapala and Rebel, original equipment next to rerigged versions.

that single hooks are not only easier to set than trebles, but that trebles allow a fish to work one hook against another to rip them out of their jaws. I am not sure how that works, but I do know that singles seem to set easier, hold better, and are much simpler to remove from the mouth of a fish.

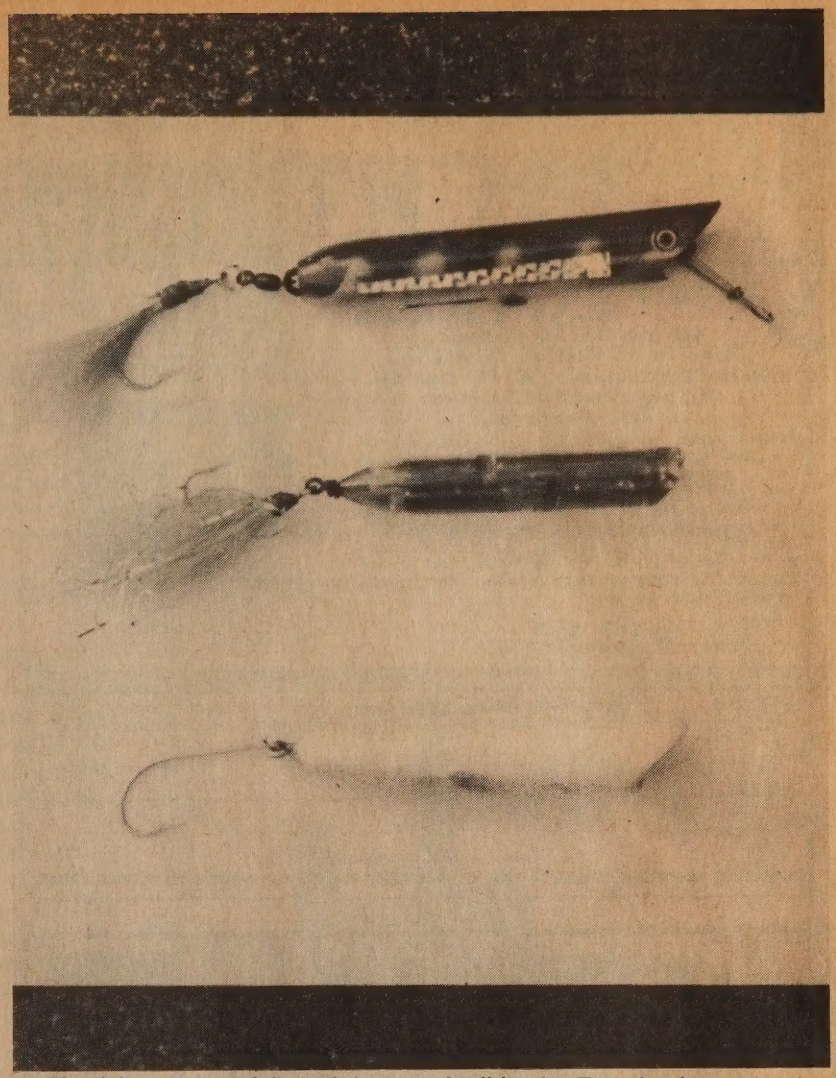
My bag always contains at least one or two poppers rigged specifically for blues. They have one single hook at the tail and no others. I always test my plugs in calm water, during the day, and if it seems that the lack of a belly hook has changed the action a lot, wind some lead wire on the belly hook hanger. After re-testing, if all is well, coat the lead with cement to keep it in place. The single hook should be about two sizes larger than the treble hook that it replaces. Standard O'Shaugnessy hooks will do, but their eyes are rather small. It is better to use one of the shorter shanked versions with a larger eye. The Eagle Claw O'Shaugnessy model 254T is my own favorite. These hooks are tin coated to resist rust, but like all hooks should be sharpened before use. Never use stainless steel hooks, because if your line breaks, the fish will die with that lure stuck in its mouth. Regular hooks will rust out within a couple of days, especially if you have broken the protective plating by sharpening the hook.

The tail hook can be installed with the point up or the point down. For all around use, the down point seems to hook fish better. However, if I am working a surface plug for blues over weedy water, then I want the point up so that it will not easily foul with weed.

For general use my preference is for a plug with two hooks. The single at the tail and one treble on the belly hanger. If your plug already has that hook, in most cases you can use it as it. One type of treble which I always replace is the one with the claw type of hook point. That type of point seems to work well with bait, but a straight point is more likely to catch and dig in if dragged over the fish's jaw when you react to a hit.

Now for the actual job of rerigging. You will need some of your household tools, plus a pair of split ring pliers. A split ring is the little round piece of metal which connects trebles to metal loops on plugs like the Rebel, Redfin, Rapala and others. My feeling is that if your plug does not depend upon split rings for connectors, you should install them. They make it easy to replace damaged, old, or badly rusted hooks. Additionally, they form a flexible link between hook and plug, making it more difficult for a fish to loosen, damage, or pull out the hook hanger or screw eye. Split rings come in many sizes and in stainless steel as well as plated steel. In this case, my choice is Amercan made stainless rings. The most used sizes are No. 3 for small plugs and 5 for large.

Before you start changing things, go through all of your plugs and separate them into three groups.



Bluefish poppers, plain and decorated tail hooks. Top plug has strip of prism tape on its sides.

Number one should be your favorites, the ones that usually get you fish. Do not change these in any way; just use them when nothing else works on bass or weaks. The largest group will be plugs that work occasionally. These should be converted to single tail hook and one belly treble. The last group will be your mistakes. They can be rigged with a single tail hook, to be used when blues will not take metal.

Many plugs have fixed hook hangers that cannot be moved or through-wire construction. If you install a single hook to the split ring that is present, the hook will ride sideways instead of up or down. All you have to do is add another split ring and then the hook. This connection is more flexible, and the hook point will ride the way that you want it to. On the through-wire construction, cut the eye loop of the treble if it does not have a twist open eye. Remove the rear treble if there are two. The front treble can be left as is or in some cases exchanged for a larger size to improve the plug's balance.

If the plug has screw eye installations, unscrew the whole assembly. Then using two pairs of pliers, twist the eye open slightly, slide off the treble, and put in the split ring before twisting it closed again. This should be a one-time operation because the screw eyes may break if you do it again. Put some cement on the screw section before you insert it. In the case of tail hook rigging, have the eye in a horizontal position so that the split ring will be vertical. This makes it possible to hang your single hook properly with only one split ring. You should never have to do anything except replace hooks for the lifetime of that plug, unless fish destroy it before its time.

It is always a good idea to test swim each of your converted lures. In most cases, they will swim just about the same as they did before changes. A little weight on the empty belly hanger, or a change in the size of hooks can correct most errors. At times a small adjustment of the line eye with a needlenose plier will change the action for the better.

All in all, it is possible that you might hurt the action of a plug occa-

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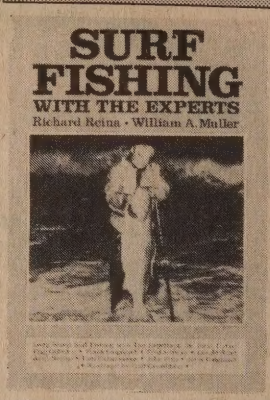

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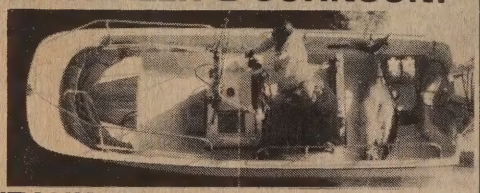

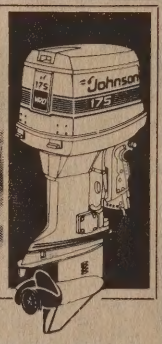

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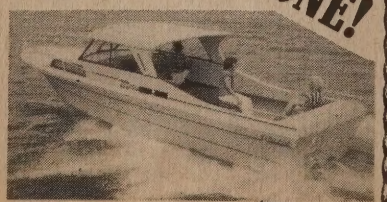

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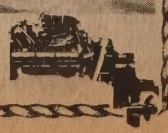

sionally, but it can always be used for blues, or situations where loss is likely. On some dark night, when you are waist deep in the water, and small bass are hitting every cast, you will be very happy with your changes. You will be able to release them easily and safely in minimum time, allowing you more chances to get one of the keepers that are still out there.

Most tins have split rings on which the hooks are hung. There are still anglers who take treble hook equipped tins to the beach, when working on small blues. It is a mistake, as many of them have learned when a large blue destroyed the treble and escaped. A single is less likely to be damaged. Even small Mustad short shanked model 9175 hooks are strong enough for big fish, because they are made of extra heavy wire. The only other common change for tins is to replace the hook with a tube hook when fish prefer that combination.

For the most part lures will produce fish in the colors that are supplied by the factory. There are times, however, when the fish seem to lose interest in the plug or tin that has been effective. That is the time when a different color or some other decoration will often perk up their appetites.

On tins, it may be the addition of feathers, bucktail, or FisHair to the hook. Another approach which is often good to apply shaped pieces of prism tape or sparkle tape to the flat areas of the metal. These tapes will eventually be torn off by the jaws of fish, but strips of green sparkle material have increased the interest of blues several times when action was slow on the plain metal. These materials have an adhesive backing which is covered by a protective paper which you remove when ready to apply it.

Plugs can also be decorated to increase their effectiveness, and also to modify action. A plug that is too active, or one that spins in fast currents can often be made usable by switching to a heavily feathered tail hook, which will slow its action. Prism and other tapes can be applied in thin strips along the level side areas of the plug. It does not hold well on curved surfaces. The sparkle tape adheres better (keep to level areas) and the pearl sparkle over white paint really looks like a fish's side.

For most situations, it is wise to use whatever plug or tin has been producing fish. The time to introduce the decorated versions is when the action slows, but conditions are the same and you suspect that the fish are still around. A few decorated lures can often help you to fill out your stringer when everyone else is just watching the action.

The most important change that you can make in your lures is to simplify the hook arrangements on plugs. By doing this you will help preserve the bass population, and make life a lot easier for yourself when the fish are hitting.

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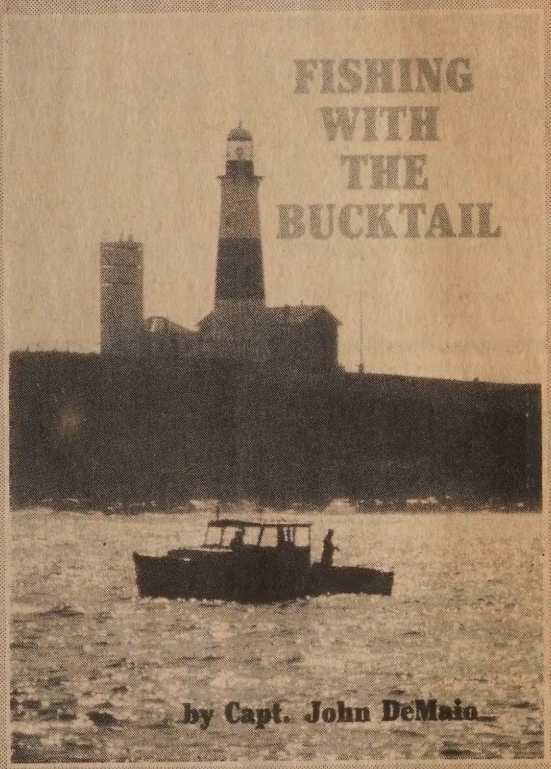

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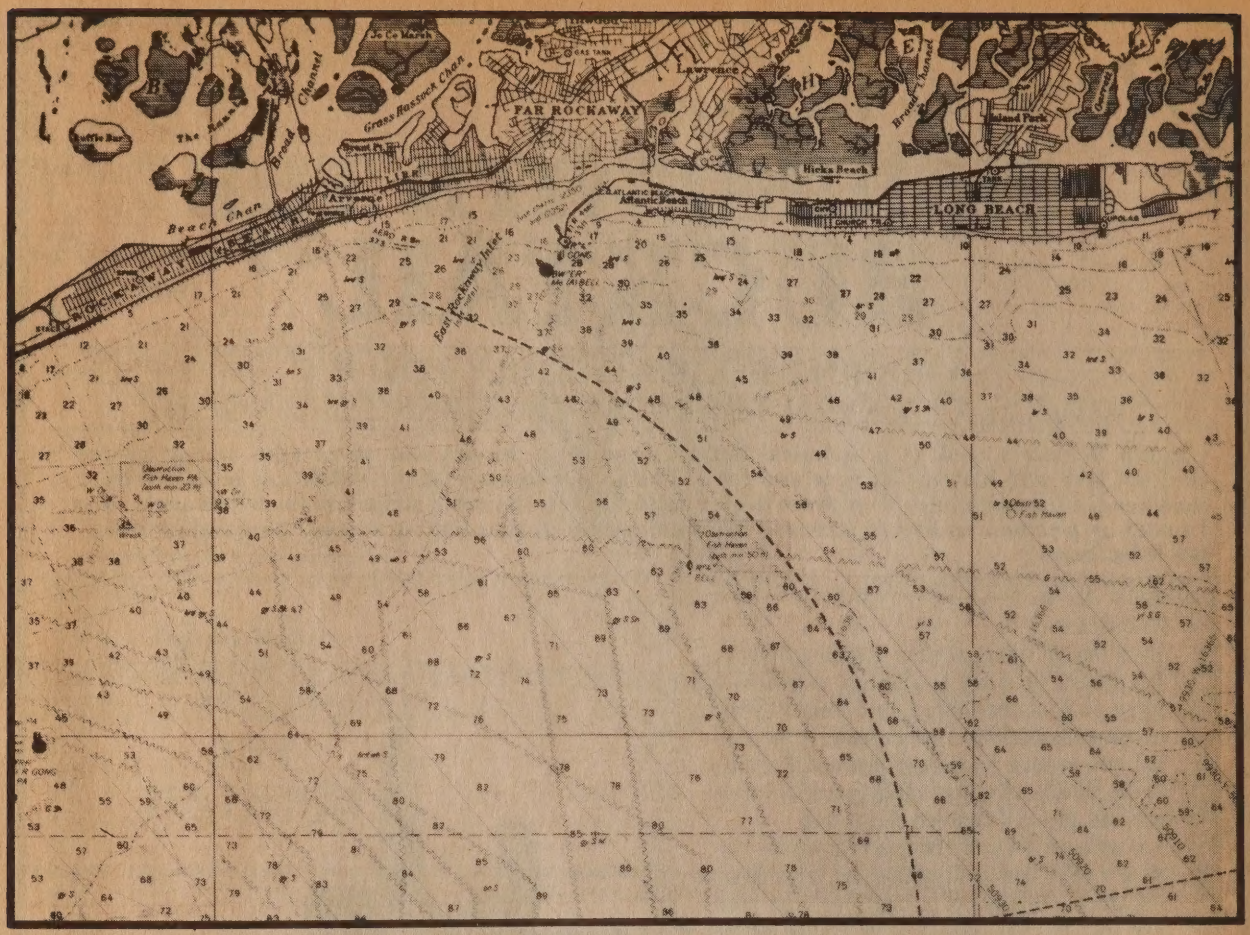

About That Chart

by Matt Ahern

Artie Leidecker reeled in his cod bait, and, with a show of disgust, which was solely for my benefit, tossed the remnants overboard. He then lay aside his rod, gingerly seated himself on an overturned bait bucket and glowered at the distant shore.

Little Al Dunn, fishing at the bow, nonchalantly dropped several cracked skimmer overboard. I let out a heartfelt sigh and, for want of something better to do, turned to Artie and asked: "How come you're not fishing?"

For several moments he continued to survey the shoreline, then turned, and in an exasperated voice, said: "You did it to me again, didn't you?"

When my reply was not immediate, he glanced toward the bow. "Hey, Al!" he called. "Over 60 years fishing with this guy...you'd think I'd learn by now—wouldn't you say?"

Al cheerfully added fuel to the fire. "Don't ask me," came the reply. "I got two cod."

Two cod. And "rats" to boot. And this the culmination of six boring hours for three dedicated codfishermen. Bad codfishing it certainly was, one of the poorest I could recall. I couldn't blame Artie for grumbling, but I felt our meager results weren't my fault, though I do admit the trip was my idea and that I should have listened to a better codfisherman than I'll ever be. But who among us can predict with any degree of certainty just how fish will react from day to day? Here today and gone tomorrow certainly applies to the bottom fishing game.

Three days earlier my intentions had been honorable enough when I phoned Artie to report cod were in on our "high-spot" south of Jones Inlet's buoy 2. Plenty of cod action I'd said. Just about guaranteed. My cagey buddy, though, wasn't impressed.

"No way," replied the raspy voivce I know so well all these long years. "Can't be. It's only the third week in November. You know the fish don't hit in there until the end of the month."

In my selfish desire to get out there, I foolishly ignored the objection and insisted that if he failed to take advantage of the good fishing, he was a bigger fool than I thought. "I'm telling you the guys are knocking 'em dead. I got it through the grapevine."

That was the clincher. It was easy after that. The one thing Artie can't refuse is an opportunity to go winter codfishing—even if to do so is against his better judgment. So, after a few necessary arrangements, which included Al Dunn, I hung up and spent the next several days sweating out the weather.

And here we were: codfishing aboard Artie's "Echo," anchored over the "high-spot's" southeast corner and doing a miserable job of it. And here, too, was good old grumpy Artie acting true to form.

Those few boats which had shared the area with us for several hours had long since departed. In the distance to the southwest, one lone die-hard party boat continued its drift for a spell before its skipper also decided to seek greener pastures.

"Let's pack it in," I said to Artie. "This is ridiculous."

"Not yet. . .not yet. You give up too easy. Those fish are here somewhere. Let's check my chart."

The chart. Artie's chart. Let me tell you something about that chart. Its range covers an area from the Southeast Grounds offshore of Jones Beach, south to a spot known as East of Cholera, thence west through the Cholera Bank, continuing on through Scallop Ridge and the Tin Can Grounds, then south again to offshore Sandy Hook into Sea Bright. There is no notation for the 17 Fathom Bank, which Artie says is merely an eastward extension of the rocky-strewn Sea Bright Grounds. The chart is homemade and is the result of many years of effort and study.

I am rarely given the opportunity to check the chart on my own, but occasionally, as in this instance, it happens. I knew that its notations, water depths and so on, were in various hues: red, blue, green, purple. Observations as to tidal conditions over particular fishing areas during various moon phases were given, as well as how cod react to these conditions at certain stages of tide—all coinciding with weather and wind conditions, water temperature, and time of year. This translation is accomplished through those various colored inks. There's one hitch, though. The necessary key to decipher this rainbow of intelligence is unknown to me. But I'm positive that chart has helped Artie Leidecker to become the best local codfisherman I know.

Artie lay the chart on the cabin flooring and we knelt on all fours, with heads together. We pored over its symbols. Artie pointed with a thick finger. "See," he said, "here we are—the high spot. Fifty-nine feet on average low water and an average of 65 to 70 surrounding us. As for the high-spot, I doubt if it varies more than 18 inches from one end to the other."

"So?" I inquired.

"Simple. It means the water temperature remains about the same throughout. And right now, I'll bet that temperature is close to 60 degrees—much to warm for good codfishing. That's what the chart says, anyway." He held up a silencing hand. "Yeah, I know. The guys caught cod here last week—but that was last week. It's plain to me that one of those freak cold currents came in, and the cod with it. Something like what happens at Montauk during summer. But that's not going to do us any good now. The problem is: where did the fish go? Let me think a spell."

So, taking the hint, I left him with his chart and joined Al Dunn to relate what was going on. We chewed the fat for 10 minutes or so and then Artie appeared.

"Remember that broken piece of skimmer bottom where the airliner blew up about 20 years ago?" I nodded. "Well right now there's between 75 and 80 feet of water over it. If we shake our fannies, maybe we can get in two hours' fishing before the change of tide."

Al and I brought in the anchor and Artie headed the "Echo" southwest for about a half hour until we reached the general area of our destination. There was plenty of sliced skimmer for bait, but not enough whole skimmer to use for chum; which means that anchoring was out. I figured, just as well, for time was fleeing and to draw cod to a chum line might take more time than we had left. Drifting was the order of the moment, and with that in mind, I brought forth the sash-weighted "fish" buoy and lay it within easy reach.

The current here was stronger than expected and I changed my 8 ounce bank sinker to a diamond sinker of 10. The drift was faster than I liked for codfishing, but yet not so bad as to cause difficulties.

It didn't take long for action.

"Gotcha!" Artie said.

I tossed over the buoy, quickly reeled in, grabbed the gaff, and stood alongside my old friend. Then Al, fishing the bow, hooked into a cod. Fine, I said to myself, two fish coming up and here I am stuck with the gaffing honors. Al's cod turned out to be small and he lifted it aboard unaided. But Artie still continued to struggle with his fish and it took several more minutes to winch it to the surface. I stuck the gaff into an easy 12 pounder.

Right then, we had accomplished in a half hour what had taken us six hours to do earlier.

We continued to drift. I got a nice 10 lber. and Artie nailed one about 8 lbs. before we hit into a lull. We were out of the fish. Back we went to the buoy and began another drift. We got three more out of that and it was Artie who nailed them. Not big—about 6 to 7 pounds.

"This is more like it," I said to Artie as once again we ran back to the buoy.

"Get 'em while you can; they won't bite much longer. As soon as this tide turns, that's it."

"How do you know?"

"That's what the chart says. We got maybe 20 minutes of good fishing left."

And I'll be damned if he wasn't right. Came to the tidal change and Al decked a nice fish around 15 lbs. And that was it. We could have been fishing the Sahara for all the cod we caught after that.

We then headed in and as I sat filleting our catch, a nagging question entered my mind. "Hey, Artie! I know that act you put on earlier was for my benefit, but how come we spent six hours catching two rats on the high-spot if you knew the fish were in deeper water? How come you didn't check your chart earlier?"

"Easy. I wanted you to know you don't know a damned thing about codfishing!"

That's my boy.

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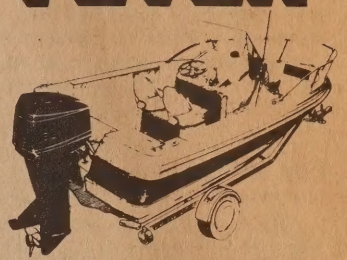

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HANGING IT UP

by Eric Burnley

Here are some quick and easy ideas for storing away your tackle.

The vast majority of fishermen in our area have taken their last trip of the year and unless they have a set plan for storing their equipment, they will have problems when spring rolls around. I do not speak from inexperience; I know what I am talking about. I have thrown away reels that froze up with rust over the winter. I have spent many hours trying to free stuck steering and control cables on boats. I have chipped rusted lures and hooks out of tackle boxes because they were put away dripping with saltwater. If experience is the best teacher, I have been well schooled.

Rods and reels need special attention before storing. They must be cleaned and lubricated either by you or by a knowledgeable repair service and then placed in a spot where they won't be underfoot all winter.

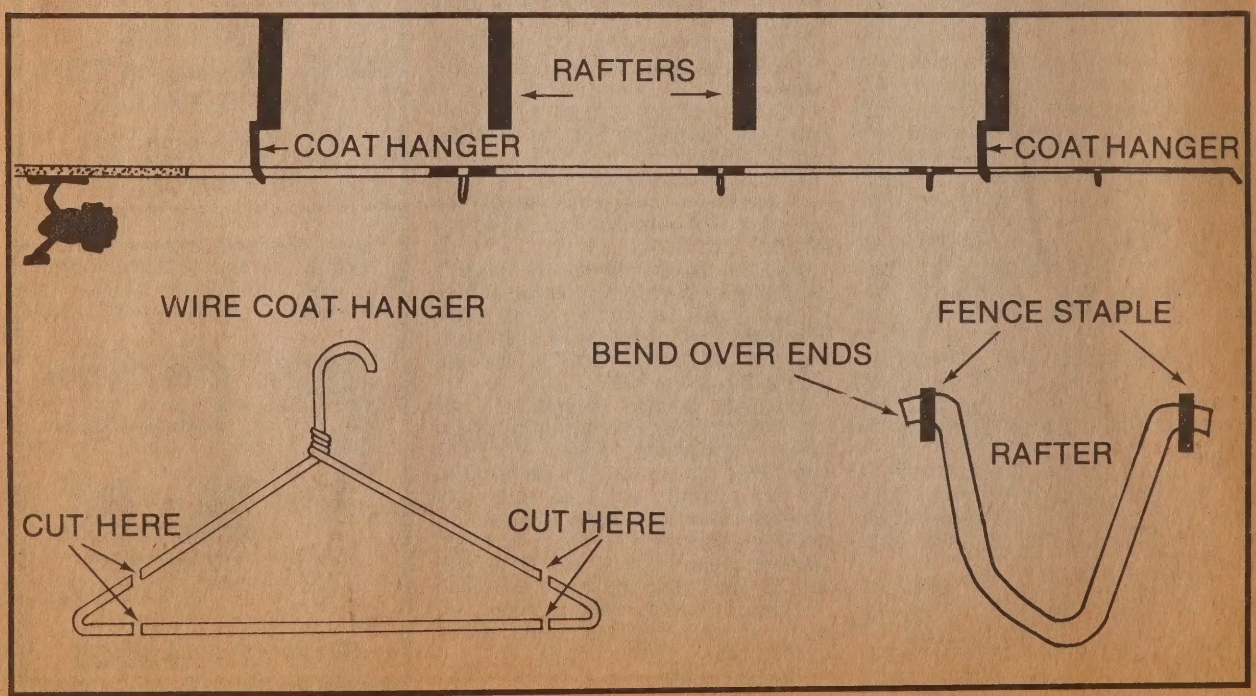
I find that one or two spray cans of a good water replacing oil will do more to ensure a trouble free spring than anything else you can use. I have used WD-40, CRC and am currently using Rem Oil. This product is designed for guns and marine use. It contains a Teflon lubricant that coats the surface of your rods and reels preventing corrosion while displacing moisture.

Sometimes you need to do more than just spray your reels before putting them to rest for the winter. I feel fairly confident in taking apart my spinning reels and some of my smaller conventional reels. But last year I wanted to service my Penn Senators and I didn't want to tackle the job myself. Penn has a fantastic service department where I sent my reels for service and to have the old drag washers replaced with Penn's new HT 100 washers. The cost for this service was very reasonable and the turnaround time was quick. The reels came back looking like new and they performed without a flaw all year. You can contact these folks by writing Penn Fishing Tackle Manufacturing Company, Service Department, 3028 West Hunting Park Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132. They will accept your Penn reels for service if you ship them insured to that address with a note explaining any problems with the reels and what you would like to have done. When the work is finished they will get back to you with the cost and you can send payment to them or take care of it C.O.D. Most other reel manufacturers have similar services and there are shops that service many different makes.

It is a good idea to save those diagrams that come in the box with your reel if you plan to service them yourself. Even folks with excellent mechanical ability can run into problems if parts become scattered or if parts from one reel get mixed up with another. Those diagrams show where everything is supposed to go and are very helpful if you wind up with more or fewer parts than seem to fit in the reel. Always store reels with the drag backed completely off and the click or anti-reverse on.

I also suggest removing the old line from your reel before servicing. This makes it easier to get to the parts and allows lubricant to get on all parts. It also encourages you to replace the line before next season, a task that is often overlooked. When you consider that most reels can be filled with less than five dollars worth of premium line it becomes poor economy to trust last year's line that could be worn or nicked.

After the reels are serviced and the rods cleaned and oiled, you need some place to put them. I have devised a system modeled after the one Boyd Pfeiffer uses in his basement. Boyd hangs all his hundreds of rods and reels from the rafters using lines and PVC pipes. I hang my dozen or so rods and reels using coat hangers cut and bent to fit. The hangers are nailed on with fence



staples that allow me to unfasten them as I need to hang or remove a rod. Spare reels can be hung by shaping the coat hanger wire so the reel fits as though it were on a seat.

Rods and reels hanging from the ceiling are out of harm's way. They can't be stepped on, the wife can't complain about them cluttering up her closets and the dog can't chew on them. If you don't have a suitable ceiling to hang your equipment on, you will have to resort to attics or other out of the way locations.

The tackle box can be a source of problems if not properly looked after before stowing away for the winter. The modern plastic box is a far cry from the metal or wood boxes we had long ago, but even the plastic is not immune from trouble.

Rusty hooks can spoil the appearance of the finest tackle box and there is really no excuse for having them. Don't put lures or rigs into your box until dried off after each use. You don't have to carry a towel around to wipe each one off; just let them sit outside the box unti they dry.

Rubber worms don't mix well with painted bucktail heads. The worms cause the paint to melt and the whole mess gums up the compartments of your tackle box. Go through your tackle and remove all rubber worms from bucktails and take painted jig heads out of compartments where rubber worms are stored.

Another gremlin that sneaks into tackle boxes over the winter is the leader tangler. No matter how carefully you store your leaders this guy will run amuck among them, leaving a tangled mess that any nesting bird would happily call home. To beat the leader tangler, store all pre-tied leaders in separate bags. Those small size Ziplock bags work well or you can use regular size plastic storage bags that fold over or tie on the ends. If you put a piece of pipe cleaner or storage bag tie wire around each leader it will keep it together and out of the gremlin's way.

Fillet and bait knives can rust if put away wet and left all winter. Check them now and remove any rust that has accumulated. Then spray with cooking oil before storing until spring.

If you can keep your tackle somewhere inside the house over the winter you will prevent problems caused by condensation as outside temperatures rise and fall. This may seem like a little thing, but it will make a difference over the years. While it is unlikely that your wife will allow you to hang rods and reels from the living room ceiling or stack your tackle boxes in her kitchen, she may designate a place for you in the basement, the laundry room or the attic.

If you spend some time right now taking care of your fishing equipment, you will be ready to go when the fish come back in the spring. It is better to do the work when the fish are gone than to rush around trying to fix things while your buddies are already on the water.

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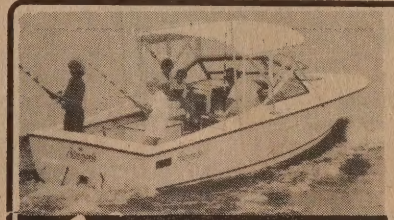

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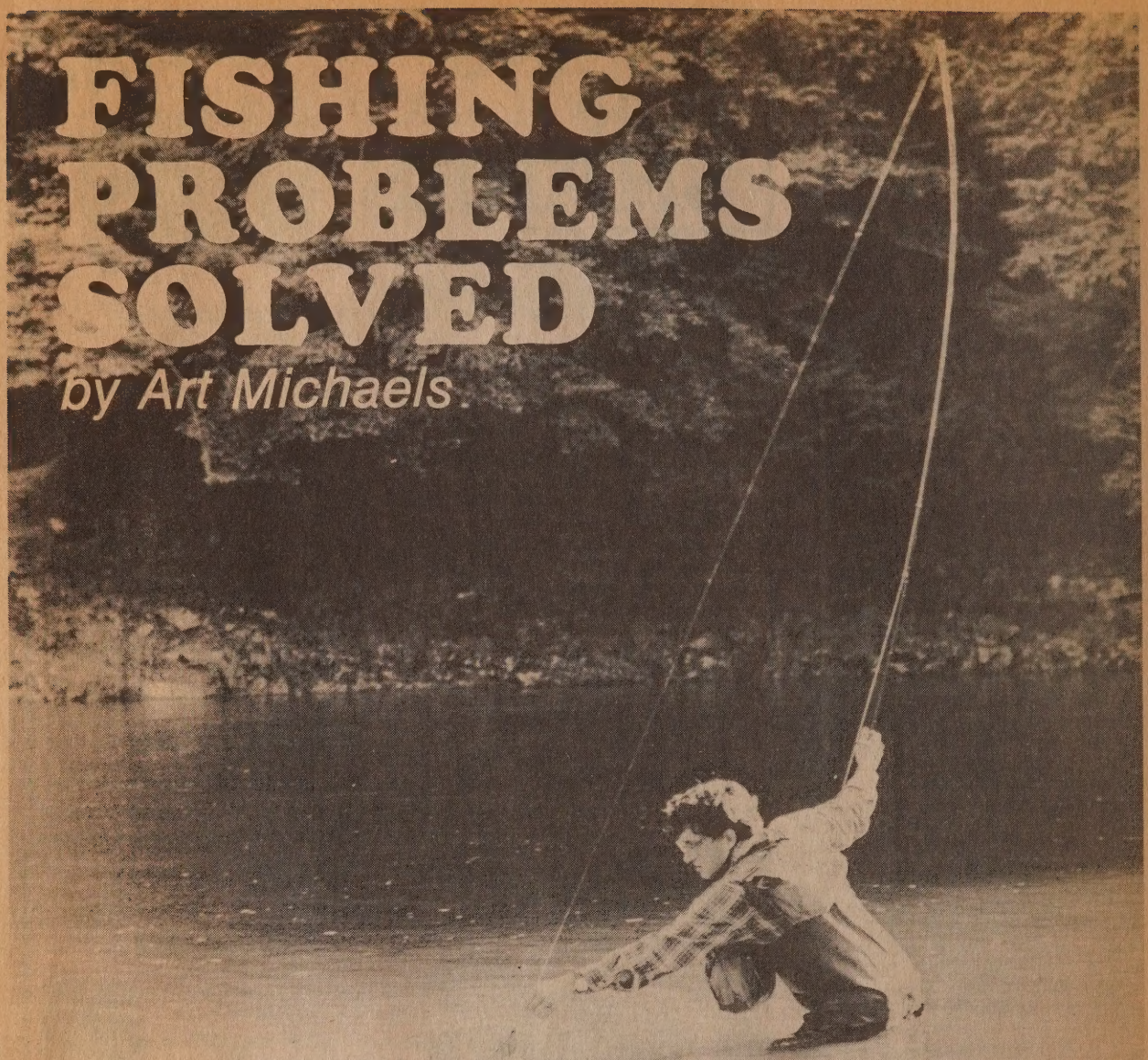


I fished once with a friend whose line was badly twisted. He'd cast, and the line twists coiled around a guide or around some part of his reel. You could see the gnarled twists in the line every two feet or so between the rod tip and the water. He wasn't enjoying the fishing because of the hopelessly twisted line.

"Here, give me the rod. I'll straighten the line."

"Straighten this line? It's too badly twisted. It's beyond repair," said my frustrated friend.

"Watch this," I said, taking the rod from him.

We were chumming for blues, anchored in a strong tide. I removed the hook and wire leader, leaving the end of the line bare, and I paid out line into the swift flow, at first by hand and then opening the bail of his spinning reel. The line already paid out pulled the rest of the mono off the reel. I stopped when I could see the color of the spool in the last few wraps.

"Here," I said. "Reel in now. Your line is untangled and it won't twist any more."

My angling friend made a face but still took the line and reeled it in all the way. No more twists, no more tangles.

"Where'd you learn that? It's a neat trick." My friend's demeanor changed instantly.

"Oh, I don't know," I pondered. "Ive known that trick for years. I think I saw my dad do it a long time ago."

I wasn't sure where I'd learned that trick, but it goes to show that even successful fishermen have angling problems that require solutions. My partner's a good fisherman, but he learned a new trick that day. No earth-shaking realization, no crashing

chord—just a simple practical method to make his fishing better.

Here are some other solutions to both freshwater and saltwater angling problems. Maybe you could add one or two to your tackle box or pass them along to a friend.

An angler who fished hard-pounded trout streams suggested another bright idea to me. The problem he solved was finding out if the trout lairs on his favorite streams were recently worked over by fishermen, or if he were first to fish the spot when the trout had been well rested. He formulated this idea so that he could score on heavily fished waterways, an achievement he accomplished often.

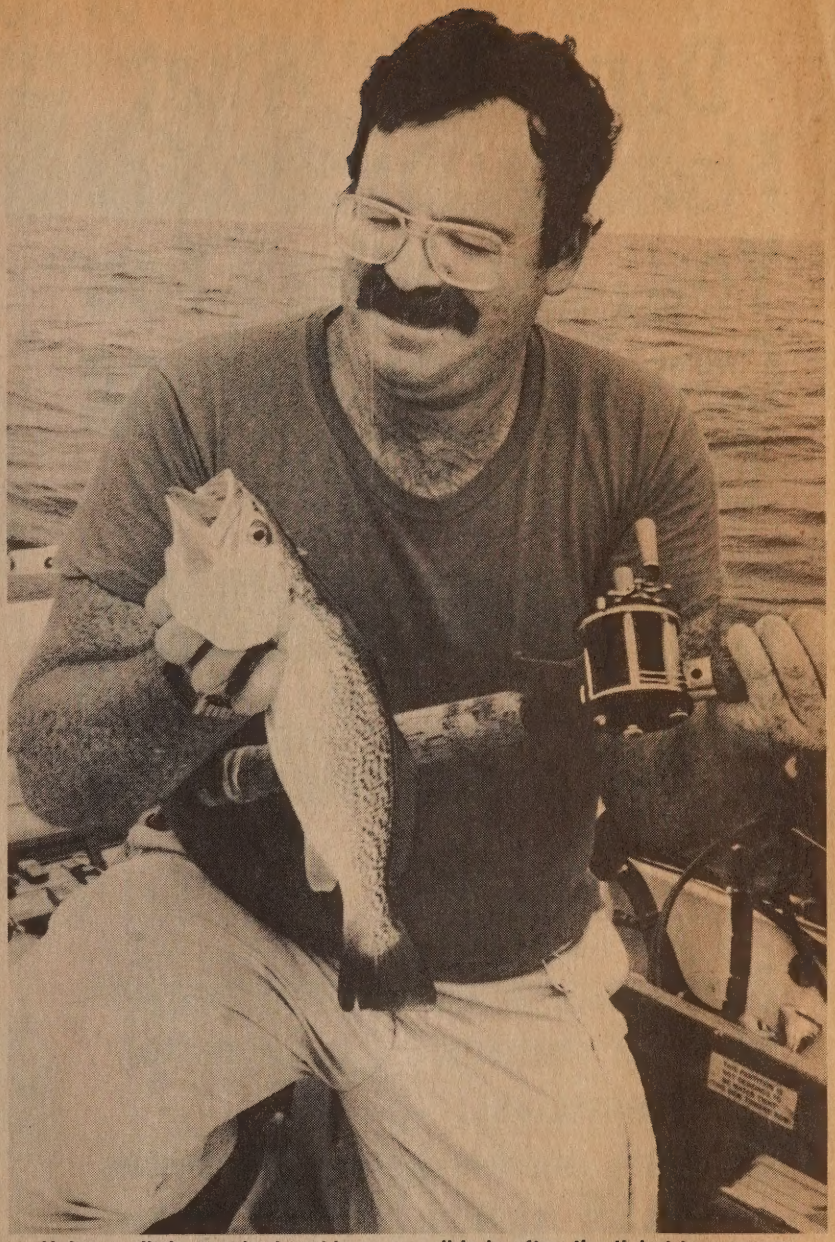
First, this angler would look for cars parked in all the available spots. If a car or two were parked and no anglers were in sight, he figured that they may have just fished his favorite spots. In this case, he'd go to a good spot, wait awhile, assuming that the area had just been worked over, and fish.

Another trick he told me was to look along the trails through the woods for unbroken spider webs that traversed the trails. If he found one or two unbroken ones, he knew that no one had walked on the path for awhile and that he was indeed first on the scene that day.

Along these lines, wading fishermen can increase their safety and efficiency by trying one small trick. As you wade into deep water, loosen your wading belt. The air pressure lets enough air out of your waders so that your feet don't balloon toward the surface with every move, yet if you fall in, there's still enough air in your waders to float you. If you don't often venture into deep water while wading, then you may not know the advantages of using a wading staff. Just about every fisherman who wades often into deep water uses one. So should you.

Worm fishermen may delight in knowing that with a little care, you can keep worms healthy and lively practically all season long. I figured this one out some years ago when I bought a dozen worms in early April and on the fishing trip used only two. I kept the worms in the styrofoam cup in which I bought them, and put them in my refrigerator. Convincing my wife was the hard part of this ploy. Still, as long as they remain cold in the fridge, they'll last for months, just about all season.

Follow these simple guidelines for keeping those worms alive and ready. First, every 8 to 10 weeks, no more frequently than that, feed them. Take one-half, and only one-half, of a Cheerio or similar sized non-sugared cereal and pulverize it between your fingers so that it becomes dust-like. Then sprinkle the dust on top of the worms, put the top back on, and forget them. It's important not to feed them too much or too often. In addition, keep the worms a little moist. Check them every week or so, and if the soil or bedding, the same stuff in which you bought them, is a little dry, sprinkle a few drops of water on top of them. Too much water kills them; so when in doubt, remember that less is best.



Using as little terminal tackle as possible is often the ticket to success. In a few hours, the author filled a cooler with sea trout like this one, all caught on a basic rig. A 2 ounce sinker on the end of the line and a baited hook held by a dropper loop tied in the line, will also work for flounder, fluke and sea bass.

Last year, I bought a dozen worms in April and by the time the end of October arrived, I released the remaining few in my garden. Those guys survived the cold wasteland of my refrigerator for over six months.

When you take those worms on fishing trips during the summer, keep them cool. Enduring blazing heat in the car or perched in direct sunlight after a time in the cold refrigerator kills worms quickly.

Consider hooks next. Most anglers know that sharpening hooks can let you score more, but one trick is a simple way to test a hook to see if it needs sharpening. This one's easy and reliable. Take the hook in one hand and hold it on your other hand's thumbnail so that the nail is flat and the hook point is straight up and down, perpendicular to the nail. Then drag the hook point across the thumbnail with slight pressure. If the point digs in a little, holding the nail, the hook is sharp enough.

Another good idea concerns tying knots in monofilament line. Always wet the line with which you're tying a knot, but do not use saliva. Saliva can

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cause the line to deteriorate and break; so just dip it in the water where you're fishing. You'll see that wet line knots easier than dry mono.

Similarly, no matter what kind of fish you're trying to catch, you will probably catch much more if you replace hardware and metal rigs with mono connections, or simply use as little hardware as possible.

I proved this idea once last fall while fishing in Chesapeake Bay for sea trout. I tied on a top and bottom rig and my fishing partner was using mono connections. We both used the same pound test line, tied on 2 oz. sinkers and baited up with strips of squid. I caught a few spot and a sea bass, but my partner hauled in five 3 lb. sea trout. We were fishing right next to each other in 40 feet of water and our offerings were less than four feet apart on the bottom.

This idea applies also to weakfish, flounder and fluke enthusiasts, and just about anyone who wants to tempt fish on the bottom. The trick often makes the difference between catching a few fish and really scoring, and it's very simple, but I frequently see fishermen struggling with metal-strewn rigs and empty coolers. Be sure to put this one in your tackle box for next season!

Finally, the last tip concerns how to fill your cooler fast when blues are stacked like cordwood all around your boat. You know you can toss just about anything at them and they'll hit it, but sometimes not every cast yields fish, and you may decide that the blues have left the area when they stop breaking, when the schools are actually still thicker than fleas all around your boat.

The problem is that blues can be choosy—especially if you're offering them something they don't want! When you land one, cut him open to see what they're feeding on. Frequently, a bluefish will regurgitate when you swing him aboard, providing you with the evidence you need. In most cases, you can look in the water and see exactly what kind of baitfish the blues are doing in. The important thing to notice is the size of the baitfish.

One time, I and several fishing friends were clobbering blues that were feeding on 3 to 4 inch sand eels just beneath the surface. The big 5 to 6 inch metals and foot long banana tails didn't produce anywhere near what a plain A27 jig or a 3 to 4 inch Hopkins did.

Similarly, when blues are smashing king sized menhaden, match the size of the offering to the size of the bait. Remember also that small blues can be ripping up remarkably large baitfish and huge slammers can be tearing into tiny baitfish.

Ready for more tips? Good. Just that frame of mind can lead to filling your cooler faster. So next year, watch other anglers closely, and ask questions, especially of those whose coolers require two or more people to get off the boat.

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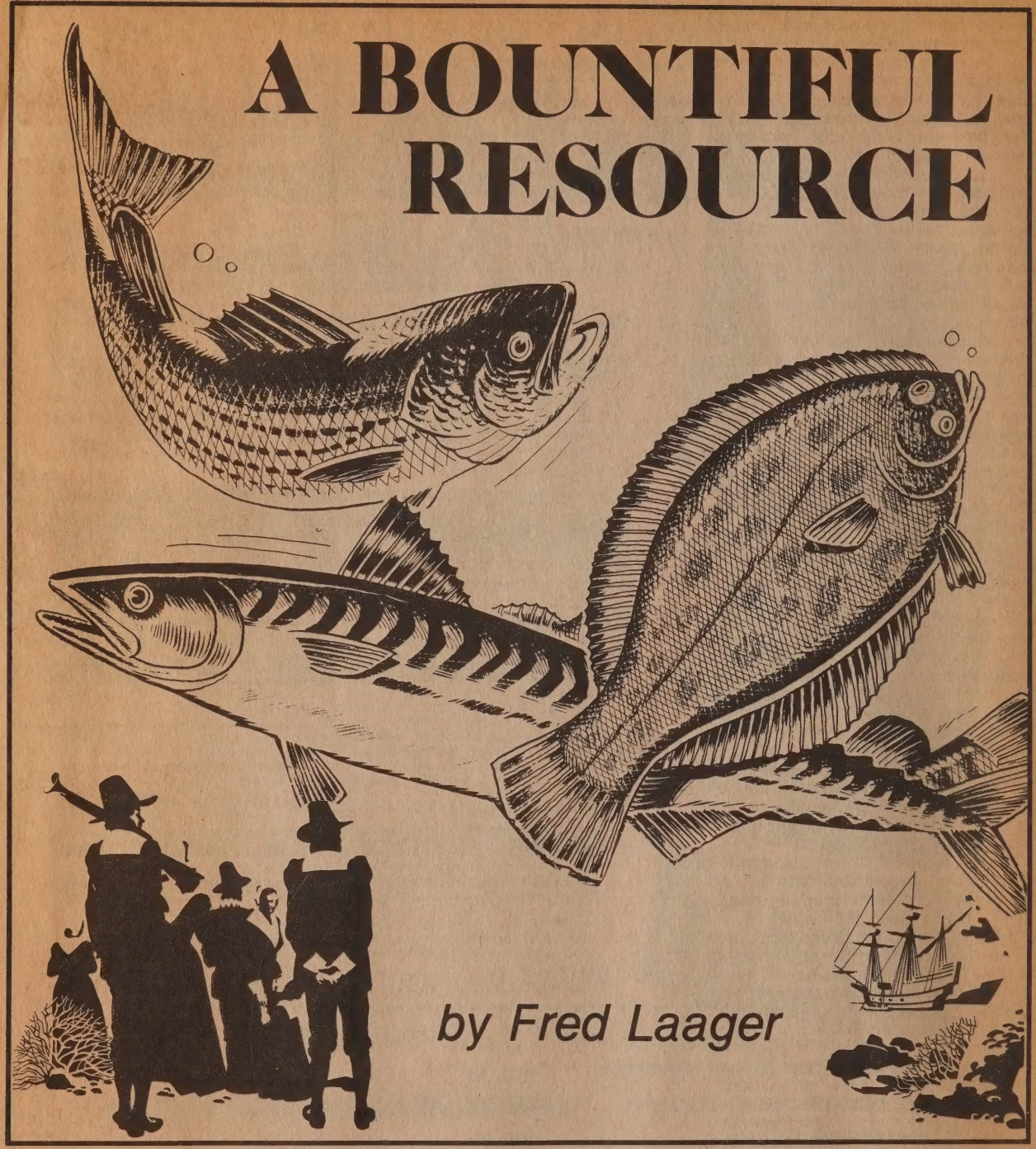

by Fred Laager

Everyone knows the story of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower's dangerous journey from Holland to Plymouth back in 1620. Certainly, any schoolboy or schoolgirl could relate the tale of how William Bradford, governor of the colony, set aside a day as a token of appreciation for the bounty that God provided them. The day was called Thanksgiving. It was a day of remembrance and a day of feasting.

As part of their holiday celebration the Pilgrims feasted on a wide variety of the foods that were at their disposal. There was venison and an enormous supply of waterfowl for the taking. There was the corn that they grew and of course, the wild turkey, the soon-to-be centerpiece and focus of many a Thanksgiving meal to this day, that was so abundant that it sustained the Pilgrims with fresh meat even in the dead of winter. But turkey wasn't the primary source of nourishment for the Pilgrims. There was another food stuff that the Pilgrims cherished that has been overlooked by many a grandmother and mom when preparing the Thanksgiving meal. That food stuff was fish.

Fish, the protein rich resource that, even more than the turkey, helped the inhabitants of the Plymouth colony to survive their first year in Massachusetts, was truly a Godsend. In fact, without the large quantities of fish that the Pilgrims were able to catch and buy, there might never have been a Thanksgiving day at all! As it was, of the 102 Mayflower passengers on board ship at the time of their arrival in Plymouth, 50 died of scurvy and other diseases before the summer of 1621 and, of the 42 who survived, only a handful, including the famous Miles Standish, were well enough to provide for the others, making it possible for the remaining members to celebrate the first Thanksgiving in the fall of 1621. To better understand the role that the fish resource played in the success of America's first inhabitants, a brief history needs to be related.

When the Pilgrims first set foot

upon the shores of Plymouth, they were greeted by the cold, inhospitable hand of winter. These religious exiles and pioneers of the northeast coast desperately sought to settle in the area of the Hudson River in what we now call the Big Apple: New York. But, having made landfall too far to the north and not being able to clear the dangerous shoals and roaring breakers to the south of Cape Cod, the Pilgrims finally turned back and settled in the area now known as Plymouth. There they spent their first months suffering numerous casualties but hoping all the while that God would deliver them out of the desert wilderness.

Around March of that same year an English speaking Indian came among them, named Samoset. He had learned English from the contacts he had had with fishermen working nets and lines for cod off the Grand Banks and he had brought with him another English speaking native named Squanto. Squanto had learned English when he was taken against his will to England, but he managed to jump ship later on and return home. Together these two Indians, due to their ability to speak the language of the settlers, saved the Pilgrims from starvation by teaching them the skills they would need to survive.

Of the two, Squanto became the greatest aid to the Pilgrims by showing them how to plant corn and catch fish. He showed them how to construct seines and weirs (a sort of trap that channels fish into a maze or enclosure) and he showed them how to fertilize the almost barren soil by using herring as manure when planting the seed corn in the spring. In this way, fish was not only a valuable foodstuff by itself, but it also helped to provide the colonists with a good supply of corn that could be easily preserved for use in the winter.

Luckily for us, the abundant supply of fish that helped the Pilgrims survive back in the 1620s is still a healthy and viable resource today. During this Thanksgiving holiday, all anglers should stop and reflect a moment on the excellent fishing that exists in our waters. Schools of bluefish, bass and weakfish abound. Flounder, fluke, blackfish, porgies, sea bass and cod are only a few of the species that are available to the angler dipping a line nowadays. Now, as it was in the time of the Pilgrims, a fisherman can catch in one day enough to feed a small group of people for a week. Indeed, a solitary angler trolling for bluefish in the fall would have little difficulty in catching hundreds of pounds of fish in one day. Ask any pinhooker (a fellow who fishes with a rod and reel for a living) if he would load his boat with bluefish and he would undoubtedly answer no because the current market value of that species wouldn't warrant it. Tell him, however, that bluefish is worth two dollars a pound and I'm quite positive he could fill his hold to capacity and almost sink his boat with fish on every trip. It would seem that the supply is endless, but large quantities of fish, when pursued on a large scale are not an inexhaustable resource and, as the Pilgrims found out, could be seriously depleted in a very short time.

The supply of fish accessible to the Pilgrims was not inexhaustable. To give but one example, the striped bass which existed in large numbers in Plymouth in 1620 was almost wiped out in a period of 20 years. The Pilgrims used to take bass in great numbers by catching them in their nets in a type of haul seine operation. They also used to catch them in their weirs often harvesting more than a thousand fish in one tide. It was this large scale taking of fish that led to their depletion, but the Pilgrims saw what was happening and they did something about it.

Showing extreme forethought on their part, the Pilgrims put a ban on the fishery. According to a bulletin of the Bureau of Fisheries, XI, 1924, "As early as 1639, bass were becoming so scarce that Massachusetts Bay forbade the use of them for manure." Isn't it heartening to know that even back then measures were being taken to help improve and conserve a fishery that was so vital to those who had depleted it. Perhaps these early attempts at conservation in the 17th century will make it possible for us in the 20th to bring this species back to its original status prior to colonization.

We can only hope that other species such as the blowfish, kingfish and cod will make similar comebacks and be restored to the numbers they once enjoyed. We must be careful, however, in implementing restrictions on select species because it can put undue pressure on other fish. Take away the bass fishing completely and the bluefish and blackfish will undoubtedly become the premier game fish and food fish of the fall months and be destined to suffer the same overfishing that has put so many other species in such short supply. Only a concerned public and understanding legislators will be able to save the resource that had sustained this country's settlers in the early years.

So this Thanksgiving, let's be appreciative of the vast quantities of fish in our waters and let's do everything in our power to keep our stocks strong and healthy providing good sport and good memories for future fishermen. When you sit down to eat your holiday meal this year, remember that the turkey wasn't the major food the Pilgrims had to eat: fish was. Put the old Tom to the side and put a cod or bluefish between the horn-o-plenty and the gravy boat. Perhaps in a few years, you might see the form of a large helium-filled bass being pulled down Fifth Avenue; a balloon not so large perhaps as Bullwinkle or Superman, but a symbol of the resource that was infinitely more important in the success of our Pilgrim ancestors.

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A Thanksgiving Story

by J. Chad

"How about you? Heading home?"

Ed Jennings pauses a moment before motioning for the load of ice and fish to be hauled up from the hold. He was going to reply that he had no place to go, that banging around the coast for some 20 odd years, working the fishing boats since he left home at sixteen, didn't leave much time for sensitivity, for home, or family. But that was not true and he knew it. Others lived the same life, yet had wives and children, or if they didn't they still had a cord that bound them to family somewhere. He had cut the cord that day he left for the sea and never attempted to splice it. Neither had he ever tried to form a true bond with another human being in the years that passed.

"Freedom" he called it, and for years he basked in the carefree independence it gave him. But lately it began to put a sour taste in his mouth. Especially at times like this—like this Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.

"Too far to go," he answers. "I'll just hang around, we're going back out late Friday anyway."

The bucket comes back down and he and Jim Davis, the one they called Dac continue to off load.

Catch ashore, vessel secured, the crew of the Sundream sit around the galley drinking coffee laced with a little rye that Billy Ross picked up on his way back from the wholesaler. Ed has a cup with them, pours a refill, then goes up on deck to wait in solitude for their captain's arrival. The conversation below was dominated by the forthcoming holiday. Jack Adkins is eager to get back to his wife and children as is Mark Simons and Sully Burns. Dac and Billy will be on the road as soon as they get their pay. One going to Connecticut and the other up past Kittery. Both to family reunions crowded with parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters,

aunts, uncles, cousins and nephews and the like.

He stands at the rail smelling the harbor smells and the scent of the whiskey-laced coffee rising from the cup before him. For a moment there is an emptiness, but he refuses to let himself be sad or feel sorry for himself. "You're free as a bird," he tells himself. "There is no one that you have to answer to, no one you have to worry about, no one who has a hold on you."

He drains his cup and when he sees Walt Weber, the Sundream's captain, heading towards the pier he goes below to wait for his pay with the others. He draws his last, having no place to rush off to. Walt's smiling face takes on a quizzical expression as he notices that Ed is the only member of the Sundream's crew that isn't in 'shore clothes.' "Just going to hang around," he answers to the unasked question. "It's too far to go and we're going back out late Friday anyway."

It is late afternoon when he steps off the Sundream and heads towards town. Making a few stops along Market Street, he finally settles in at the Land's End, orders cod and potatoes, a bowl of chowder, and takes his meal at the bar so that the time between empty and full for his whiskey glass would be kept to a bare minimum.

Carl and Ginny are behind the bar, though things are so slow at the Land's End that one barkeep would have been hard pressed to stay busy. In-between occasional sprints of activity Ed passes the time in conversation with one or the other.

"How was the run?" Carl asks and he speaks of the catch, the price, the weather and how the Sundream's gear and engines are holding out. Carl, for his part, talks of business, of some trouble Monday night when the crew of the Betty K became a little rowdy after getting a bit too deep into their cups. "Can't really blame them," Carl comments. "Being outbound in a few hours and knowing they would be on rolling water when they should be with their families come Thanksgiving." After which he speaks of his own holiday plans concluding with the question, "how about you?"

"Too far to go and we're going out again late Friday anyway," Ed answers with his now stock reply.

The conversation is different with Ginny. He speaks of the sea, of the sun upon it and the clouds above it. Of its sunrises and sunsets and the nights filled with stars above the swaying masthead. He tells her about the comic happenings, of the tricks played and the good-natured ribbing and kidding which is always the occurence between the members of the crew at sea. This makes her smile and the smile brightens up her face and that for his part makes him feel good.

She speaks of her children, of how they are doing in school. Of their different activities. Her conversation is light and cheerful though he knows there must be many things that are heavy on her heart and her mind now that she has to raise four children alone. He often looks into her tired, but warm eyes and sees the nobility and goodness of her soul. She is the closest thing to a friend he has and when the Land's End closes, it is the end of her company and not the conclusion of the whiskey that brings him a twinge of remorse.

Swaying ever so slightly, he makes his way back down Market Street, across the seawall to the piers and then to his bunk aboard the Sundream.

"When you love and are loved, every day is Thanksgiving, no matter what is on the table or what day of the year it is."

Somebody is kicking his foot and in his fuzzy half awake, half hungover state, he smells coffee. Somewhere a church bell is ringing, he opens his eyes and before him stands Captain Weber holding a large steaming cup of coffee from one of the fast food places that dot Bellevue Road.

"Figured you'd be here," Walt says, reaching into his jacket to produce a small flask, "and figured you'd need a little hair of the dog. Get yourself cleaned up and squared away; you're coming to my place for Thanksgiving."

Ed begins to protest in earnest for the last thing he wishes to do is to be a hanger on at someone's family gathering and he states as much to the man beside his bunk.

"It's not going to be as bad as you think. Come and eat with us, put some good food into your belly, and if you're feeling uncomfortable about staying around after the meal—no problem. Leave! I'll tell them that you have people to see later in the day."

Ed wants to refuse; he looks into the smiling, suntanned, wind burned face to say no, but doesn't. Instead he asks, "Is this important to you?"

"Important."

"I ain't much with people," he says, "I'll eat, but I won't stay."

"Whatever."

The house is full; Ed is introduced to Walt's wife, his children, a grandchild, two sisters and two brothers, a sister-in-law and her husband, along with the accompanying nieces and nephews.

Upon the table is an enormous turkey, surrounding it is a profusion of vegetables, breads, jello molds, bowls of olives, plates of stuffed celery. On the counters, in different shapes and sizes are the desserts and on a separate small table, safely situated in an alcove are the beverages whose selection is wide and varied.

The household is a happy joyful tumult of noise and activity and the smell of the food intoxicates the senses.

He ate and drank and ate some more. And after the turkey with all its trimmings and after the large selection of desserts to pick and nibble at and after the coffee, he sits smoking his pipe, feeling mellow, content, and relaxed. It isn't until the first guests begin to leave that he realizes hours have passed and though he is here and comfortable he is not part of what exists.

The time so quickly passed had been filled with laughter, joy, and love. As the cooking smells have been intoxicating to his senses, the atmosphere within the house intoxicated his soul. For the first time in years, he allows himself to feel lonely and a painful sadness fills his soul. He makes his goodbyes, genuinely expressing his thanks for the meal and the day and the bag of food Mrs. Weber refuses to allow him to leave without taking.

It is dark and he walks Market Street to the Land's End. The place is nearly deserted; there are only two couples seated in booths and a grizzled old fisherman at the bar sipping whiskey and silently smoking his pipe. Carl isn't there, he is home celebrating Thanksgiving with his family. Only Ginny is behind the bar. She looks tired, her eyes are sad.

"Not much of a holiday for you," he comments when she brings him his drink. She tells him of going to her sister's house for dinner and of having to leave for work shortly after the meal. Her children are still there and that is good, but she shares how sad it makes her feel being unable to spend the whole holiday with them.

Ginny asked of his day. He tells her of the Thanksgiving dinner and of the people there. He wants to put into words what he is feeling inside, to say, "It was nice, but in a way it left a bitter taste in my mouth. Like being a litle kid standing with empty pockets in front of a candy store," but he didn't.

They speak little after that, the silence of the Land's End being broken only by the muffled conversation from the booths and the old fisherman ordering an occasional drink.

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"Working tomorrow?" he asks as Ginny began to close the bar.

She nods and smiles, "Need the money," she says. "When are you going back out?"

"Late Friday."

Aboard the Sundream he sits in the galley, nibbling at the food from the bag Mrs. Weber insisted he take. The taste and smells bring back the day to him. Sitting in the empty ship he closes his eyes and in his mind sees the table with the food upon it, inhales the cooking smells once more and feels the love and warmth of the family gathered there. He sees himself as a member of that family; he envisions himself as being Captain Weber. The thought fills the emptiness that is now within him and it feels good.

Then he remembers the old fisherman at the Land's End. Of how he sat alone drinking his whiskey and staring into the pipe smoke. What was it he saw? Shadows of things that were, or of things that could have been? "Can't do this to myself," he says. "Things are the way they are and that's it!" But he realizes within himself such is not so, knows that he can change his life if he makes the effort, but realizes he doesn't know how to do it.

He thinks of Dac and Billy, of Jack Adkins, Mark and Sully Burns. Each of them, like Captain Weber, ashore and home tonight while he sits alone in the galley of an empty ship tied up alongside a dark pier in a deserted harbor. "Not lucky like me," he says with sarcasm, going to his bunk after washing his cup and cleaning the table he had sat at.

Walt comes aboard midday. All morning Ed has been thinking long and hard. Yesterday had affected him greatly. Thanksgiving at the Weber's had been more than a simple celebration of a holiday. It had been an experience of the heart and spirit that he had too long denied himself. He has been feeling the emptiness inside him ever since he awoke and since then his thoughts have been about life and the things in it that are lasting, important, and have meaning. Before him he sees two roads: the one he is on. The one that once seemed so bright and so carefree like a walk through a spring wood lot now begins to resemble a trek through a cold winter's forest. While the other, the one he so long envisioned as a dull, stifling laborious journey, he sees as a path into a pleasant, fragrant garden.

Yet like all men Ed Jennings fears change, and because of this, he fears what he now knows he wants as he realizes he needs what he knows he fears. Ed Jennings is in an agitated state of turmoil and it shows.

Walt Weber stares a long minute at the fisherman who, a day ago, had been relaxed and seemingly content at his Thanksgiving dinner. "What's bothering you, Ed?" he finally asks, realizing he is just standing and staring at the man.

"Thanksgiving, you, me, everything," Ed blurts out, then says, "Me...it's me that's bothering me."

The captain of the Sundream again stares at the man before him, motions toward the galley and the coffee he can smell brewing there. "Best add some more words to what you are saying, Ed," he states, "otherwise I can't make much sense out of it."

They sit drinking their coffee just as it comes from the old stainless steel coffee pot—hot, black and bitter. Pipes are lit and Ed tells his story. Tells of how he is tired of the way his life is. Tells of feeling empty and alone, of how this Thanksgiving really brought it all to a head. Tells of the envy he feels for Walt, for Sully and Mark, for Jack, Billy and Dac. And he speaks of the fear he has. The fear of changing, of just not doing and thinking of himself and with that the fear of being misunderstood and more than that, the fear of trusting and being made a fool of.

"It's not easy," Walt says when Ed has finished. Rising, he takes his and the other man's cups, fills them both, and returns to the table.

"Not easy," he repeats. "For truth, every so often I envy you and those like you. I say to myself, 'Walt, you're tied down to other people while guys like Ed are free as birds', but that's only every once in awhile and it's not a serious thought, just a passing one."

Ed Jennings looks a little surprised and Walt chuckles. "We're both learning something about each other today, aren't we?"

"Sure, there are times when I'd like to be like you. Times when I wish I didn't have a wife and children and family. Times when I'm tired, times when it seems I've given all I could and they don't appreciate it or they appear to take me for granted or times when they need more of me than I think I can possibly give. But those times are few and far between. They are nothing in comparison to the other times. Like yesterday," Walt continued, after a brief pause for a sip of coffee. "Yesterday was Thanksgiving. Sure, the food and the drinks were there, and the house was full of company, but that was not even the half of it."

Ed nods in agreement for it was the feeling of warmth and love at the Webers house that had made the day so special.

"When you love and are loved," Walt says, "every day is Thanksgiving, no matter what is on the table or what day of the year it is! Everyday is a day to be thankful for because there are those who need you and those you need. Those who let you know who they are inside and accept you for who you are. Like I said, it isn't easy; it's something that has to be worked at. It's caring and trusting. It's being open and sharing. It's giving without even thinking of getting back."

Walt pauses, drinks again from his cup. "Guess the result of what I'm talking about is what you saw and felt yesterday. What got you all churned up inside."

Ed nods and stares at the companionway ladder outside of the compartment's open hatch. "You said it well, Walt," he states, looking at the ladder. "You took the loose ends, things running through my mind, spliced them neat and flaked the line down for me. That's a help and I appreciate it, but for truth, I don't know how or where to start or what to do. I've been steering my own course without thought or bother of other human beings for a long time. I have no idea of how to do anything different."

"Seems to me you've made a pretty good start," Walt says and Ed turns to gaze from the ladder to look at the Sundream's skipper. "Our conversation," Walt says in answer to the questioning look in the other man's eyes. "You've been on the Sundream since early spring. We've been through some fair and some heavy weather together, had some good runs and others when we were hard put to stay on the fish. In all that time we've talked about weather and twine, about engines, fish, running lines, and the like, but today is the first time we've ever spoke about the human beings we are. Now there is a little bridge between us. We're more than just fishermen, one the captain; one the member of the crew. Now we're human beings because we know a little of what the other thinks and feels. That's how it works, Ed. You begin building a little bridge with somebody, if they build too, then you've got a friendship started. If they don't—no problem, you build some place else. If you work at it some of your bridges get to be real special, then you'll know what it is to be thankful everyday for the human beings the bridges connect you to."

Ed's eyes are moist. He thinks of the bridges he has destroyed and of those he has refused to build. It is Walt who now stares at the companionway ladder not wishing to embarrass the other man by watching the tears form in his eyes.

"What time are we leaving?" Ed asks after a long silence.

"Getting under way at eleven," Walt answers.

"Need help taking on ice?" Ed asks.

"Not really. Sully should be back about five and the rest will be coming aboard after that."

Ed stands and extends his hand. The two men shake. "You've done good for me, Walt," he says. "I appreciate it. From now on it won't just be weather and twine and running line we'll be talking about, and that makes me feel good. God bless you, captain."

There is a bridge that Ed hopes it isn't too late to build. Showered and shaved with shore clothes on, Ed Jennings steps off the Sundream, crosses the sea wall and walks down Market Street towards the Land's End to see Ginny.

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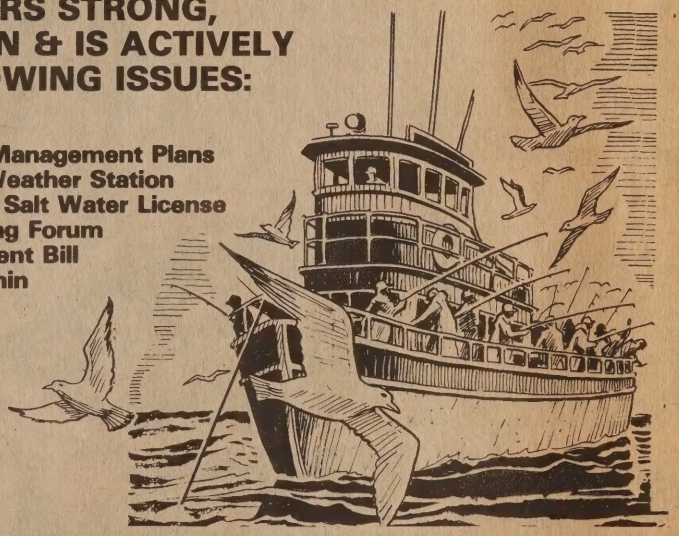

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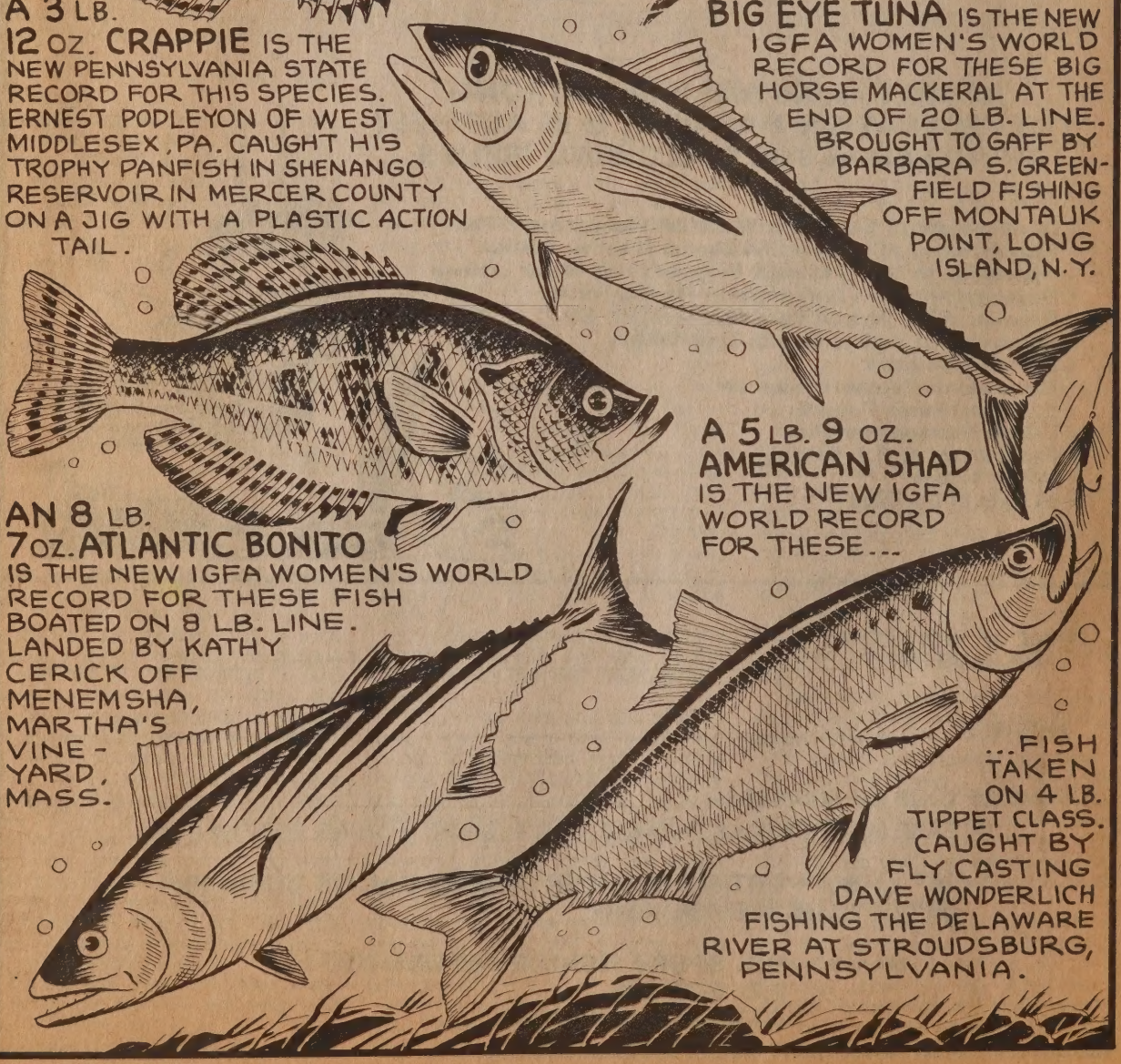

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Although most of the Montauk charter boat fleet are out of the water, due in part to the striped bass closure, several remain ready for fall blackfish, blues, cod and pollock. Consult ads for more details, or call any Montauk booking service.

On a five man charter arranged by George Gifford of Brooklyn, the **Allyssa Ann** found a mother lode of huge blackfish at Fisher's Island on Sunday. Ninety-one blackfish were caught in four hours of fishing. While the largest blackfish weighed eleven pounds, ten were over eight. Green crabs did the trick. Captain Bill Ricca will sail a few more trips this year.

Captain Mike Bentivegna who runs the charter boat **Pronto** tested the waters at Fisher's Island on John Richie's boat, with Carl Judson and John, and during a short trip caught several blackfish to ten pounds. Call Captain Mike for late season charter information.

The **Bluefin IV** is available for blackfish, blues, bass or cod, or any combination thereof, according to Captain Mike Potts who has this weekend open.

Unfortunately, the Hudson Anglers had to return to the city Sunday morning, since high winds kept the **King Wayne** at the dock. However, Captain King really enjoyed the bagels! Sunday's group from the Verazzano Fishing Club fished on the CIA grounds for a mixed bag of fish. Over two dozen cod, jumbo porgies, four dozen large sea bass, some to five pounds, were pulled aboard. Bluefish, mostly in the ten pound range, with the largest eighteen, topped off the catch.

L.I. Fishing with Lorry Mangan will be telecast throughout the winter months featuring blackfish, flounder and cod during December. Tune to WLIG-TV (Channel 55) at 7:30pm on Fridays, 9:30am Saturdays. The program is also carried on all Long Island cable stations (except Cablevision).

Larry at **Captain's Cove Marina** heard of good blackfishing and the start of the codfish season. Although most charter boats have been taken to their winter homes, the following boats are still in the marina and booking charters for cod and blackfish: **Joy Sea, Kraken II, Ebb Tide, Reel Magic** and "Venture." The "Unexpected" a private craft docked at the marina managed to get out to an offshore Montauk wreck on Sunday. Larry Oehler picked nice sized sea bass, a dozen large blackfish and a cod before calling it a day.

June, spokeswoman for the **Montauk Marine Basin**, stated that the **Vivienne** is still in the water and available for charter. The **Marine Basin** will remain open all winter and is a source for unusual Christmas gifts. A complete line of Maximum weather instruments is on display, such as barometers, wind speed instruments, ship's clocks and tide clocks. Items not in stock can be ordered from the catalog and will be received within a week.

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Seven-year-old Paul Visentin, a junior member of the Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club, had a day he will remember for a long time to come. Fishing aboard his family's boat, Reel Magic, the youngster boated his first white marlin and paired it with a 50 lb. true albacore. Both were weighed at Jackson's Marina in Hampton Bays.

Tom Jordan reported good blackfish, bluefish and striped bass catches from **Gone Fishing Marina** on Sunday, stating that an outstanding catch was made at Fishers Island on the charter boat, **Alyssa Ann**, while pickings were on the slow side at Cerberus Shoal. One angler reported catching and releasing 75 striped bass, by actual count, at the Point on Sunday. A couple of dozen blues, one of 18 lbs., were put into the fish box of the marina based boat "You Name It!", which is owned by Jim Griffin. Jim's brother-in-law Russell Brown, visiting from Vancouver, Washington participated in this fine catch.

SOUTH FORK

Captain Artie Lach was actually at a loss for words to describe the weekend's blackfish action, with terms such as "unbelievable," "fantastic" and "best of the season" in an effort to describe the catch of about 1,000 blackfish, including uncounted numbers of bulldogs on a wild two-day fishing spree on the **Wilhelric II.** On Saturday, East Hampton's Dick Rosenberg copped the pool with a 12½ lb. bulldog, the largest of 16 fish. The rest of his fish weighed 4 to 10 lbs. The average catch was 15 to 25 tautog per man, with good fishermen counting closer to 30 in their catch.

Sunday's trip with the Shinnecock Marlin and Tuna Club was even better. Although "Cowboy" took high hook honors with 35 blackfish (six over 10 lbs.), Captain Bob Herman, who usually runs the "Capt. Liver" took the boat pool and won a private bet made with "Cowboy" with a bulldog black that weighed 13 lbs. 4 oz. At least 100 fish on Sunday's trip needed gaffing. Two mates started cleaning fish at 10AM, between mating chores and finished at 5:30M assisted by members of the Club.

The **Wilhelric II** is scheduled to sail this weekend and will continue as far into December as anglers show an interest in taking part in this fine fishing.

Al "Feathers" reported on what may be the beginning of the flounder run in Shinnecock, noting that flounder were finally caught in the Basket area. One angler reported 20 flatties of from 1½ to over 3 lbs. Al Siegal fished one lock closing at the Shinnecock Canal on Sunday, returning to Brooklyn with four flounder, all over 2 lbs. Observers noted plenty of blue and bass activity in the ocean, however, it was difficult to tempt them from the vast schools of baits upon which they were feeding.

Thom heard of good flounder caught at both the Basket and buoy 20 in Shinnecock from several anglers who stopped in for worms and clams at **Speck's Bait and Tackle.** Although the fish were not numerous, the average size, 2 lbs. or more, was certainly impressive. Catches ranged from 12 to 20 per boat. **Speck's** will be open seven days a week through December.

Patrick Coveney, a member of the Sunrise Anglers Fishing Club, has been fishing with his friend Fred, off the golf course in the Quogue Canal (where Buoy 7A used to be) and scoring with impressive numbers of flatties. On Sunday, the pair fished from 11:30AM to 2:30PM for 72 flounder, some over 2 lbs. Fish were located in a 20 foot hole.

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South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

A pair of good easterly storms just about eliminated fishing activity for most of the week. On the weekend, despite relatively good conditions, there was still a minimum of activity on the waterfront as most boatmen have either hauled for the season or are treking around the woods in search of four legged creatures. Here's how the fishing picture shaped up from this week's phoning.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Capt. Ron Schleuter of the **Moriches** based **Alma Fleet** said that while Sunday was slow, and Saturday fair, there was a good showing of flatties during the week. On Tuesday, there were individual catches of 30 and 25 flatties made on the boat. On Thursday, fares averaged 8 flatties per man. The nice part about the fish-

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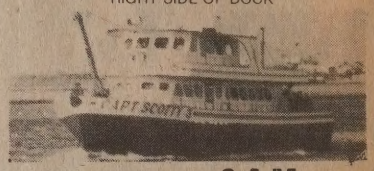

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ing is that most of the flounder range between 1½ and 2½ pounds. This was the best flatfish action of the fall and Ron feels that we could have some very good flounder fishing during December. Bay temperature is down to 41 degrees and the crabs are finished. Fishing is being done in the vicinity of Buoy 27 on the last half of the incoming tide with heavy clam chum. The skipper added that if you prefer to fish worms, you had better bring your own as their supplier is no longer making deliveries.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

A real quiet week around these parts according to Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in **Patchogue**. The only positive news concerned some good diamond jigging action along the beach in 40 feet of water. Several private boatmen reported racking up good scores of school bass and blues up into the teens on the weekend. Best of the action seems to be centered near Ocean Beach.

Capt. Charlie Kennedy of the **Captain Joseph II** spoke of a good pick of blackfish on trips this week. The fish ranged between 2 and 10 pounds and a few sea bass, ling and bluefish are mixed with the tog. The first cod are also starting to show on the wrecks.

Capt. Carl Passaro of the open boat **Miss Captree** has been working the Fire Island reef and reported a good pick of blackfish. Ninety-five percent of the catch has been blackfish with most of the fish between 2½ and 4 pounds but bigger fish mixing in. Bruce Tomaselli fished both Saturday and Sunday and had 32 blackfish for his combined efforts. The skipper noted that he will sail through Thanksgiving weekend and then haul out on December 1st. He should be ready to go for the following weekend and will continue on the blackfish hunt through Sunday, December 14th.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen II** reported very good blackfishing this week with Sunday's wreck fishing producing the best action. Fifteen fares accounted for over 300 blacks, many in the 4-6 pound class. Steven Shipani was high hook with 35 tog. On Saturday's trip, 3 cod from 18 to 21 pounds were taken from an offshore wreck. Gordon added that he is not sailing Thanksgiving day, but will be sailing his regular schedule for the balance of the Holiday weekend.

Capt. Richie Leitch of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Leitch IV** said that his vessel is safely tucked away in Brewster's Shipyard being made ready for next season. He did want to

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thank his customers for a great season and wished all a happy holiday.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Captree** open boat **Speedy VIII** reported a fair pick of cod with 21 fares on Saturday putting away 21 cod. On Sunday, 19 cod were taken. The fish range from 8 to 35 pounds with half a dozen falling into the 25 to 30 pound range. Speedy said that he has been working 3 to 5 wrecks a day with a few blacks, sea bass and ling also being taken. The week was a blow-out with the exception of Monday when 12 cod were taken.

Over on the **Speedy VII**, Capt. Nick Manzari reported real good action with blues up into the mid-teens on Sunday morning. Also, over 100 bass were taken on diamond jigs by his fares Sunday but the real surprise came in the form of a 30 pound pollock which was mixed among the bass and blues.

Capt. George Bartenbach of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Rod** said that the flounder picture continues to improve and that despite all of the wind, it was a pretty good week. Water temperatures in the bay are just getting right and the fish are being taken on worms and red dyed clams. George said that he has been fishing the State Channel between the Babylon Cut and Gilgo. On Saturday, Mike Glass took the pool with a 3 pound flattie (weighed at Captree Bait and Tackle) while Frank Grubel nailed a 2.10 pound flattie. Izzy Franciosi copped hi-hook honors with 22 flounder up to 2 pounds.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Captree** open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** relayed word that he is now chasing cod on a daily basis. He will be leaving the dock at 6AM. The weekend saw fares take up to a bag of blues per man.

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Over at **Captree Bait and Tackle**, Bobby Sprenger confirmed that he put a 3 pound flounder on the scale for Mike Glass of Farmingdale. He also spoke of a pick of flounder from the Jones Beach Piers and also a few coming from the bay side of Oak Beach. A few blackfish continue to be taken by shorecasters working the back side of Robert Moses Field 2.

Over at **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported that all the stormy weather made for a pretty quiet week. The Babylon Tuna Club held its Annual Cod Derby on the weekend. It was settled on Sunday by Pete Nowinski and the crew aboard his 'Miss Ellie'. Working in the vicinity of the Yankee, Ray Seagren nailed a 21.12 pound cod while Pete found a fish of 19.1 pounds. The only flounder report concerned Gaspar Garraputo of the 'Karen E' and Jack Uhland. The two landed 12 flatties near Squaw Island on Sunday. They kept the 6 largest. The only other reports concerned lots of blues in 40 to 60 feet of water on Saturday and Sunday east of the Inlet. Boatmen working with jig and tube combos had blues from 3 to 14 pounds and some also reported taking lots of school bass.

All the wind and poor weather made for a quiet week at **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**. Chester Shew did hear of a few cod being taken on the wrecks and said that some boatmen continue to pick away at the flounder on the north side of Squaw Island, in the local drains and at Bergen Point. A few sharpies have done very well near Squaw Island. For most however, it is a case of quality not quantity. Worms and clam or mussel chum is the key.

At nearby **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in **Amity Harbor**, Bob Vitale reported one of the fall's better flounder catches made on Saturday by Bob Rose and Fred Walters on the 'Reel Affair'. The pair put away 75 flatties fishing near Squaw Island with worms and clam and mussel chum. Sunday's fishing was described as very picky in the same area. Bob too knew that several boatmen did a fine job on blues and school bass Sunday morning working east of Fire Island inlet in 40 feet of water. Diamond jigs accounted for most of the fish.

From **Edelman's** in **Farmingdale**, Frank Pristera told of some good flounder action, with fish to 3 pounds, taken at Squaw Island on Saturday.

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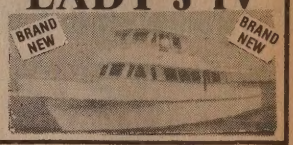

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But generally, he labeled it a slow week as a result of lousy weather. He didn't hear much on the weekend either as it seems most guys are preoccupied with hunting.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Creeping further into the winter season, we find that codfish are starting to be caught mainly on wrecks with fish of quite decent size though the numbers are not there yet. Bluefish seem to have departed the bays and catches have been lighter this week aboard the area's party boats still bluefishing. Flounder activity inside has picked up some but not to a shocking degree. As of midweek, tuna still abounded at the canyon with another great catch on the **Betty W. IV**. See the Surf Report for a real codfish surprise.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh said that the flounder activity this week was a big improvement over last week's with weekend reports by his customers averaging 15 to 69 flatties per boat, fish to 2 lbs. 10 oz. Best areas were behind Merrick in Bellmore on mussel and bloods and heavy chumming. Bay blackfishing has slowed, but best catches have been noted at high slack on greens and fiddlers. Mike says he has not heard any bluefish reports from the inside through Sunday.

Fishing out of Freeport, Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** scored on plenty of mixed fish Saturday and Sunday including cod, blues, sea bass, ling and a few porgies. The skipper said the water is still warm and the winter species will really kick up their heels once winter temperatures arrive. Three nice cod were boated Sunday and Richie says there's plenty more to come.

Ray Sillence with two of 25 blues he decked during a recent trip aboard the Captree open boat, "Capt. Scotty 3." The young angler also jigged a dozen stripers.

A call came in from the **Capt. Lou Fleet** telling of good floundering early in the week on the full day boat, with high hooks in the 25 to 30 fish range, fish up to 2 lbs. This is the last week that the all day boat will be sailing for the season. However, the **Capt. Lou V** will continue sailing its normal two half day trips each day and will be sailing both trips on Thanksgiving Day. The skipper says he has gift certificates available.

Over in Point Lookout we hear from Captain Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al** that on Saturday and Sunday the boat had more cod than people. Al says these were quality fish, not necessarily quantities as yet. Charlie Lehr of Broad Channel had cod of 30, 32, 35 and 37 lbs. Dave Antoine of Brooklyn bagged a 40 lb. pool fish on the weekend. Al said so far this year he hasn't had a cod under 15 lbs. come over the rail. He says the best way to fish for cod is use one hook and the most effective terminal tackle is the simplest terminal tackle without any "junk" on it. Just a sinker and a long leadered hook. Bingo.

Captain Walt of the **Miss Point Lookout II** asked us to let you know that on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th, he will be sailing a blackfish special leaving at 7:30AM and returning 12:30PM. This should get all customers home for turkey time.

This past week's flounder fishing, due to the weather has been erratic. However, on Saturday, regular Mike the lawyer bagged a 2 lb. pool winner while high hook for the trip was 13 flatties.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Aboard the **Zephyr** this week, Captain Butch has changed the sailing schedule to Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and will be sailing November 27th and 28th. This week's floundering saw picky goings Saturday, with incoming producing the

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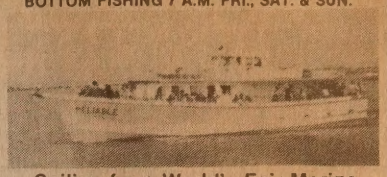

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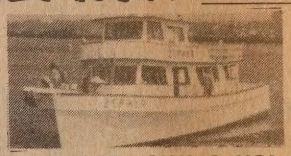

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best catches. Sunday was fair in the AM and excellent in the afternoon on incoming and high slack. These fish ranged from keepers to 3 lbers. and best areas were around Floyd Bennett field and the Marine Parkway bridge.

Captain Al Coley of the **Betty W. IV** had approximately 125 tuna on his last canyon tuna trip during the week. Al says that thanks to the speed of his boat he has been able to make these late season canyon runs and fortunately the fish are there and hungry. The boat has now changed its schedule and is sailing special offshore wreck trips for cod, pollock and sea bass at 3AM Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, with reservations required. See ad for details.

Charlie at **Mike's Bait and Tackle** directly across from the fleet told of good bluefishing on diamond jigs at Klondike and East Lump, fish 5 to 15 pounders. Blackfishing has been good through the weekend, with fish up to 6 lbs. on green crab at Scotland and Seabright. Charlie called the local flounder fishing "so-so."

Glen Forbes beached this 12.8 lb. weakfish at Point Lookout on a bunker chunk. It was officially weighed at Ed's Fishing Station in Point Lookout.

North Shore REPORT *with Marty Garrell*

With sour weather for most of the week, the small boats were pretty much packed away (some for the season), but reports were coming from party craft. Bait and tackle stores were concerned about dwindling supplies, but most should be stocked through the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Blackfish were still the best bet, weather permitting.

WESTERN SOUND

Pete Pearson on the **Klondike VIII** plans to sail next Saturday and Sunday before quitting for the season. He was disappointed with the weekend as was Carl Gaiangrande of the **Reliable** out of Flushing Bay. Giangrande will also be sailing next Friday. Consensus is that the western Sound is very poor for tautog now and that the better fishing is off the reefs and structure to the east.

Both the **North Star** and the **Apache** from City Island will be making daily sailings except for Thanksgiving. Their final day is next Sunday, too. Dom Cerbone on the **Apache** noted that there seemed to be a pick of flounder in Pelham Bay and off Mamaroneck for small craft close to shore. The Apache had some big fish

Fred Aldman, with help from Gary Nelson and 12 of the 26 flounder they caught in Long Creek on November 1. Photo courtesy of Causeway Bait and Tackle in Wantagh.

Eleven-year-old Joseph Ferrante with the biggest blue of his life. The 16 pounder was caught while trolling off of Coney Island. Subscriber photo.

in 70 feet of water with 8 oz. of lead the norm. Catches range from 4 to 20 per person on good days, but fish are a bit tricky to feel in such deep water. Sizes run 2 to 10 lbs. with the average around 5 lbs. Cerbone was working well away from the buoy line on the Long Island side of 24C in the anchor and cable area and he was surprised by the number of little boats on Sunday despite 5 foot seas on the northeast winds.

Pete Anderson of the **North Star** was hoping to get one more good week out of the season in 75 to 80 foot depths, but he noted that tautog fishing had slowed considerably off the Stamford reef. Wednesday was a better day than any other this past week and Saturday was better than Sunday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Al Flexer claims that the cold snap has had a beneficial effect for anglers in search of white perch. For the past couple of weeks, Al has caught approximately 40 of these scrappy fish per outing at Sunken Meadow State Park, the fish responding particularly well to the 1/16 oz. **Al Feather's Feather Jig.** On Sunday's trip, six perch weighed over 1¼ lbs., with one topping the scales at 1¾ pounds.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters TJ** called and provided useful details about the late season fishing for schoolie bass from 2-9 pounds. Bill Stein's party of 3 on Sunday caught some 72 linesiders on Ava 17s and 27s in water depths ranging from 15 to 50 feet. There were no blues now. The party switched to tautog in order to take some fish home, but the east wind made for poor blackfishing until around 2PM. Blackfish angling is best in 40-45 feet around buoys 11B and 28C. Alberda will be making his last trip on the 29th.

George Valentine at **Four Winds** still has sand worms, green crabs and bloodworms, but noted that there is a lot of pressure on green crab supplies. Some of the best flounder fishing was in Lloyd Harbor for flatties in the 3/4 to 1¼ lb. class.

Ralph Davenport at **Ralph's** tried the Middle Grounds himself on Saturday, but missed most of the tide. His wife noted that most of the tautog are in deep water now, but that private boats still working the Middle Grounds continue to catch.

NORTH FORK

Our east end reporter, Lorry Mangan, met Captain Tony Loperfido and Jimmy Bogart at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** in Southold on Sunday in search of big blackfish. Because tidal currents were slow, the group was

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Here is 10-year-old Korey Moore with a monster blue of 19.10 lbs. taken on a trolled Gibbs plug in Huntington Harbor. The youngster weighed the slammer at Four Winds Bait and Tackle in Huntington.

able to fish deep water off the old fishing station in the Sound at Orient, meeting with a steady pick of blackfish which grew progressively larger in size as the day wore on. Final tally back at the dock was 40 blackfish, 20 over 6 lbs., with four over 9 lbs., most caught on green crabs, a few taking sand worms. The "Fishalot" will remain in the water a few more weeks and is available for charter. Call Ace at **Port Of Egypt** for charter information.

Ed Kopack at **Warrens Tackle Center** said that not much had changed during the past week. The Plum Gut zone was still producing bass in large number with some bluefish. Bill Czech at **Jamesport Bait** was kind enough to give us some information on the flounder fishing which seems to be poor all along the Sound.

Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** closed the shop last weekend, but he said that Tony LePerfido of the **Fishalot** had some 25 nice tautog from Orient last weekend. The best bulldog was a 9 lber. Fish were taken from 60 feet of water. The flounder fishing in the Peconic Bays was as poor as the flatfishing on the Sound. This could be the consequence of brown tide and the skimmer boats, both of which altered the bottom life of the days and the Sound substantially. There are just no signficant flounder at all, not even for the commercial boats.

Ruth White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** will be open through next Sunday and she is still carrying clams and worms. Green crab orders may be problematic in the last week, but the party boats are going to need all the crabs they can get for the fine blackfishing. Larry Porter of the **Brand X** called the Fishers Island action "super duper" in 50-135 feet of water. "It's more consistent, now and it looks like the beginning of a great run." Both numbers and size were excellent according to Dave Brennan of the **Peconic Star.** Brennan called the fishing on Sunday "just what you like to see. All the people caught today!"

Larry Ciccotto of the **Prime Time III** followed a different drummer over the weekend by fishing west of Orient. Although Saturday was poor, the gamble paid off on Sunday with some 60 outsized fish for a small crowd. There were few fish under 6 lbs. in the 50 foot depths. Water temperatures were around 53 degrees. Incidentally, after a couple of tries, Ciccotto called the flounder fishing "terrible" off Orient.

Biggest blackfish of the week were 13½ and 12½ lbs., taken by Bill Vreeland and Mike Arcuik on the Prime Time III. Ruth White weighed a 10.1 and a 9.0 from the Brand X and Peconic Star on Sunday, although there may have been larger.

Surf REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

It was a disappointing week and weekend for the majority of casters who worked the suds. Here and there, there were some exceptions but for the most part, the main concentrations of bass and blues continue to stream by the south shore in 40 feet of water where boatmen continued to do a number on them as recently as Sunday. A couple of days of SW winds which it looks like we may have as we go to press, may change the picture. Only time will tell. We will continue with the surf report next week and then call it a wrap, not so much for a lack of fish, but a dearth of reports.

Despite a rather lackluster week, there was some rather impressive news to report. Probably the season's largest striper was taken last week in Hampton Bays by Hampton Surf Club member Karl Britz. Karl used a bucktail to take a cow that weighed a shade under 64 pounds. Another very impressive striper was taken last Tuesday by Walter Bozak Kosmij of New Hyde Park. Walter used a green

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Musso Needlefish to take a 55 pound cow at Jones Beach West End II. The fish was weighed by High Hill Striper Club member Kevin Finn.

While we're on the subject of big bass, that 48 pound striper credited to Steve Morris in last week's column was in reality taken by Steve Mars. Congratulations to Steve and sorry for the goof!

Out at **Johnny's Tackle Shop** in **Montauk**, Johnny Kronuch reported that the shutters are up and he is closing up shop for the season; lack of anglers being the biggest factor. While it was a real tough week with lots of wind, Johnny felt that there would still be some worthwhile surf action ahead. The weekend was very slow despite lots of bunker moving through the area but the surf line was browned up as a result of all the recent wind and rain. The only action to speak of were a few small bass and a few big blues taken on and off at Ditch Plains during the week. In Friday afternoon's gale, Marty Beer and Lou Pagnoni managed to drill 5 big blues from the suds at Ditch Plains on heavy tins.

Paul Graniello at **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue** had a couple of very respectable fish to report from earlier in the week. He said that Greg Maynard beached a 39½ pound striper at FINS on Tuesday evening. The fish was snagged in the tail on a Bomber and put up a memorable battle. Greg is a member of the Patchogue Fishing Club. Great South Bay Anglers Club member Bert Hart used a tin along the same stretch of shore to take a 14.4 pound weakfish. The most recent bluefish action along the Smith Point—FINS shore occured Friday night when Bob Antici beached 5 teen sized choppers on bait in front of the Smith Point Pavilion. Weekend action was confined to a few school bass taken along FINS.

One of the week's best bluefish catches occured Wednesday along the Smith Point shore. George Dietz, Neil Sluiter and Bill Antos combined to beach 35 blues from 10 to 15 pounds on both bait and tin.

On Saturday evening I met one caster who told me that he had beached 6 bass from 10 to 18 pounds on tin and red tubes near the Ice House that morning. Saturday evening saw fish rolling on small bait in a calm surf but only a couple were picked prior to and after dark.

From **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon**, Tom Healy reported a catch of 3 blues to 12 pounds and a 22 pound bass for Bill Miller, Jr. on Monday afternoon. The fish were taken on bunker chunks at Parking Field 4, Robert Moses. On Tuesday, Scott Leonard reported two bass to 15 pounds taken on bait at Cedar Beach. The only weekend report concerned a 14 pound striper taken on a plug at Robert Moses Field 2 by Ed Walsh.

Gateway Striper Club member Anthony Lore reported that he and fellow club member Joe Augeri accounted for a half dozen blues to 14 pounds at Breezy Point on Sunday morning. They used pencil poppers and bait to take the fish. Back on Tuesday, club member John Hanson used tin and teaser combos to take bass of 12, 18 and 19 pounds along with several blues to 7 pounds.

Probably the season's most surprised surf fisherman was Frank Lallo who was working the Fort Tilden area on Saturday morning when his bucktail was inhaled by what he thought was a husky striper. Instead, the fish turned out to be a very impressive 46.1 pound codfish. Frank went on to report that at noon on Saturday, big blues showed in the Breezy Point surf. Pat Thompson, Al Ewing and John Kalinoski accounted for 9 choppers to 15 pounds on Junior Atoms and Hopkins. John managed to beach one of the fish, a 14 pounder on a ultra-light spinning outfit. Frank further said that there are still school bass and big blues being taken along the Manhattan Beach shore, although only a handful of casters continue to ply the beaches in this area.

John Strafford and his 12-year-old son Jason, with blues taken on plugs during a recent foray to the Robert Moses surf. They were the youngsters first surf caught blues.

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

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SAT.	5:25	5:45	6:00	6:20	5:55	6:15	6:45	7:15	8:25	9:00	8:30	9:05	5:15	5:40	11/29
SUN.	6:10	6:35	6:50	7:10	6:40	7:05	7:30	8:05	9:15	9:55	9:20	9:55	6:05	6:30	11/30
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HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 44
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/27	7:04	4:31
FRI. 11/28	7:05	4:31
SAT. 11/29	7:06	4:30
SUN. 11/30	7:07	4:30
MON. 12/1	7:08	4:29
TUE. 12/2	7:09	4:29
WED. 12/3	7:10	4:28

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 11/27	1:55AM	2:00PM
FRI. 11/28	3:10AM	2:25PM
SAT. 11/29	4:20AM	2:50PM
SUN. 11/30	5:40AM	3:25PM
MON. 12/1	7:05AM	4:10PM
TUE. 12/2	8:25AM	5:05PM
WED. 12/3	9:35AM	6:15PM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
12/1	12/8	12/16	12/24

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	12:45	6:45	12:55	7:10
Fri.	1:25	7:30	1:40	7:55
Sat.	2:10	8:15	2:25	8:45
Sun.	3:00	9:05	3:15	9:35
Mon.	3:50	10:05	4:15	10:35
Tues.	4:50	11:10	5:20	11:45
Wed.	6:00	—	6:40	12:25
Thurs.	7:15	1:05	7:50	1:35

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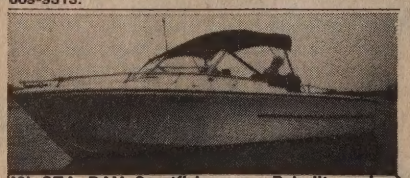

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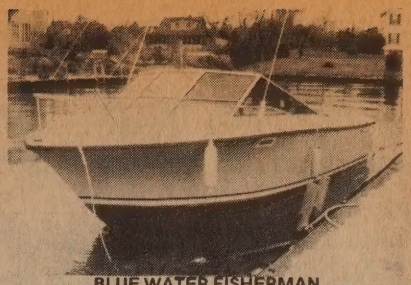

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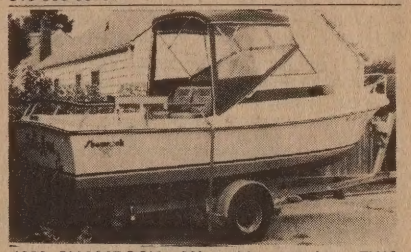

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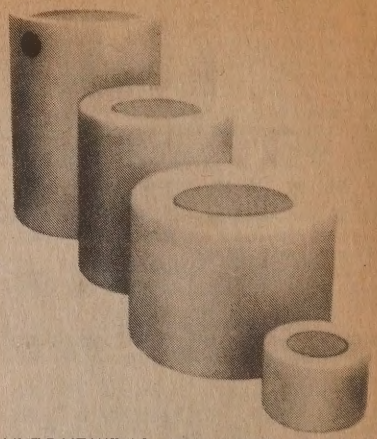

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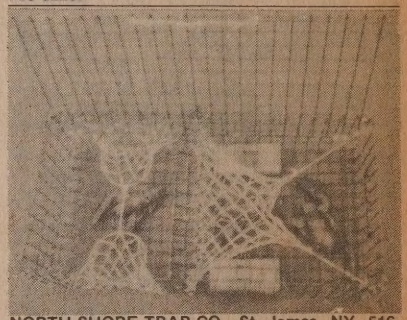

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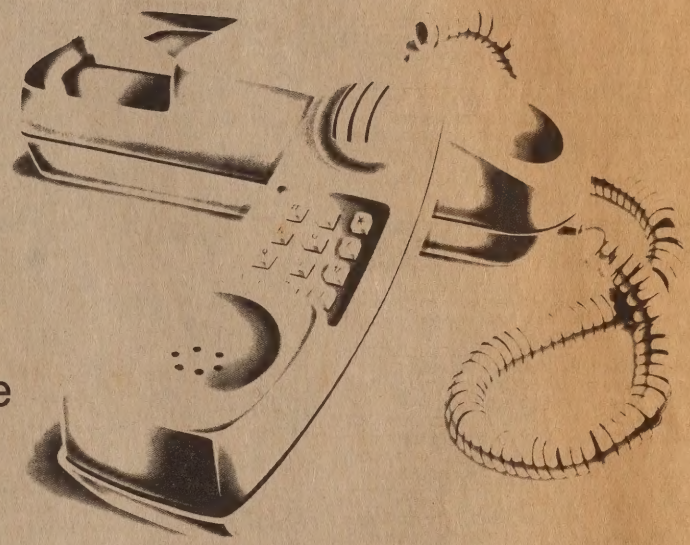

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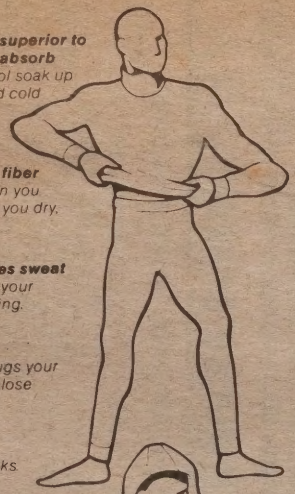

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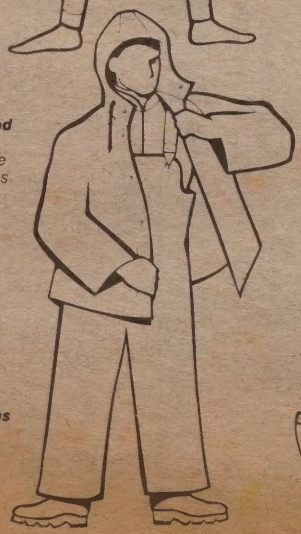

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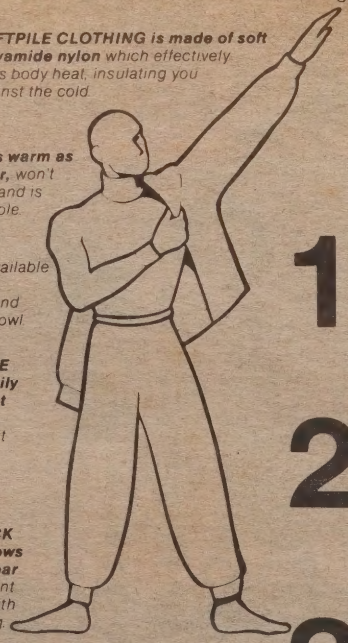

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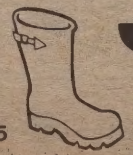

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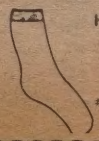

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